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**[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

**ON MAY 23, 2006, BEGINS ON PAGE 155]**

**SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE MAY 23RD MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL BEGIN. WE'LL FIRST BE LED IN PRAYER BY RABBI DAVID WEISS OF THE CHABAD OF TOPANGA JEWISH CENTER AND JOHN L. SULLIVAN, COMMANDER, INGLEWOOD POST NUMBER 2122, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS VETERAN WILL LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. SO IF THE AUDIENCE WOULD PLEASE RISE AND RABBI?

**RABBI DOVID WEISS:** DEAR HONORED MEMBERS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I FEEL HONORED AND PRIVILEGED TO STAND BEFORE YOU TO DELIVER THE INVOCATION FOR TODAY'S GATHERING. IN SYNAGOGUES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD THIS WEEK, CONGREGATIONS WILL BE STARTING TO READ FROM THE FOURTH BOOK OF THE BIBLE, THE BOOK OF BAMIDBAR, ALSO KNOWN AS THE BOOK OF NUMBERS. THIS IS PART OF A PROCESS OF COMPLETING THE YEARLY CYCLE OF READING THE FIVE BOOKS OF MOSES, THE TORAH SCROLL, ON A WEEKLY BASIS. MY REVERED TEACHER AND THE LEADER OF THE WORLDWIDE CHABAD LUBAVITCH MOVEMENT, THE LUBAVITCH RABBI TEACHES THAT THE WORD, TORAH, COMES FROM THE WORD HORAH, WHICH



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1 MEANS A LESSON AND THE PURPOSE OF READING AND STUDYING THE  
2 TORAH IS TO INSPIRE US TO LIVE ITS UNIVERSAL MESSAGE OF LOVE,  
3 PEACE, GOODNESS AND MORALITY. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, THE  
4 LITERAL TRANSLATION OF THE WORD, BAMIDBAR, WHICH IS THE HEBREW  
5 TERM FOR THE FOURTH BOOK OF THE BIBLE, IS IN THE DESERT. THE  
6 COMMENTARIES EXPANDING UPON THE REASON IT BECAME KNOWN IN  
7 POPULAR CULTURE AS THE BOOK OF NUMBERS POINTED OUT THE INITIAL  
8 PART OF THE BOOK DEALS WITH THE CENSUS THAT WERE TAKEN TO  
9 ACCOUNT FOR THE POPULATION FIGURES OF THE NATION AND EACH  
10 TRIBE INDIVIDUALLY WHILE THEY WERE IN THE DESERT. SEEMINGLY,  
11 SUCH AN ORDINARY TASK SUCH AS COUNTING PEOPLE ONE WOULD THINK  
12 WOULD NOT BE THE HIGHLIGHT OF SUCH A POWERFULLY SPIRITUAL BOOK  
13 OF THE BIBLE. HOWEVER, THE AGE OLD ADAGE THAT EVERYONE COUNTS  
14 AND THAT EVERY PERSON IS CONSIDERED A SMALL WORLD, WHERE EACH  
15 DEED ONE DOES CAN TIP THE FATE OF THE WORLD FOR A BETTER  
16 APPLIES HERE. LUBAVITCH RABBI WOULD MEET PEOPLE EVERY SUNDAY  
17 THAT WOULD COME BY AND ASK HIM FOR BLESSINGS, A PERSONAL LIFE,  
18 A SPIRITUAL LIFE, TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN WHAT THEY DO. IT WAS AN  
19 ELDERLY WOMAN WHO CAME UP TO THE RABBI AND SAID, "RABBI,  
20 YOU'RE STANDING FOR SO MANY HOURS. DON'T YOU NEED A BREAK?"  
21 AND THE RABBI, WITH A GENTLE SMILE, ANSWERED HER AND SAID,  
22 "CAN ONE GET TIRED OF COUNTING DIAMONDS?" ALL OF YOU LADIES  
23 AND GENTLEMEN HERE, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, YOU HAVE BEEN  
24 ENTRUSTED WITH THE CARE AND LEADERSHIP AND DIRECTION OF THIS  
25 MOST POPULACE COUNTY MUST EMBARK ON. IT IS A PRIVILEGE AND YET





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1 A DIFFICULT TASK TO PERFORM. I ASK OF YOU TO ALWAYS REMEMBER  
2 THAT YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN COUNTLESS LIVES THROUGHOUT  
3 THE AREA. YOU HAVE INTERNALIZED THE CONCEPT OF WHICH WE SPEAK  
4 THAT EVERYBODY COUNTS, THAT EVERYONE IS A DIAMOND AND ALL THE  
5 EFFORT YOU DO IN PUTTING IN IN DAILY BASIS FOR THE FOLKS OF  
6 L.A. COUNTY WILL BEAR FRUIT AND BEARS FRUIT ALREADY. YOU HAVE  
7 ENABLED THIS REGION TO WELCOME DIVERSITY, TOLERANCE AND  
8 PROSPERITY. I THANK YOU FOR ALL WHAT YOU DO FOR THE CITIZENS  
9 OF THIS GREAT COUNTY. MAY WE ALL PRAY TOGETHER FOR AN ERA OF  
10 HARMONY, PEACE AND ALL MANKIND. MAY GOD BLESS THIS GREAT  
11 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GOD BLESS THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND  
12 GOD BLESS AMERICA. THANK YOU.

13

14 **JOHN L. SULLIVAN:** PLEASE FACE THE FLAG WITH YOUR RIGHT HAND  
15 OVER YOUR HEART. PLEASE JOIN ME IN THE RECITATION OF THE  
16 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ]

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE WERE LED THIS MORNING IN THE INVOCATION  
21 BY RABBI DAVID WEISS, WHO RECEIVED HIS RABBINIC ORDINATION AT  
22 THE UNITED LUBAVITCH SHIVA IN 1996 AND CURRENTLY SERVES THE  
23 CHABAD OF TOPANGA, THE JEWISH CENTER IN TOPANGA. RABBI WEISS  
24 IS INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY EVENT PLANNING, WEEKLY RELIGIOUS  
25 SERMONS, HOSPITAL VISITATIONS AND SENIOR ASSISTANCE. HE SPEAKS



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1 FOUR LANGUAGES: HEBREW, ENGLISH, SPANISH AND YIDDISH, AND  
2 MAYBE WE CAN GET LATINO IN THERE AT SOME POINT. YOU'RE STILL A  
3 YOUNG MAN. WE THANK YOU, RABBI, FOR YOUR INSPIRATIONAL  
4 INVOCATION THIS MORNING AND FOR YOUR IMPORTANT AND GOOD WORK  
5 IN OUR COMMUNITY.

6

7 **RABBI DOVID WEISS:** THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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11 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, WE WANT TO THANK JOHN L. SULLIVAN FOR  
12 LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE. HE'S FROM INGLEWOOD, POST NUMBER  
13 2122, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES. HE'S A  
14 COMMANDER AND HE'S BEEN THE PAST JUNIOR VICE- COMMANDER. HIS  
15 MILITARY SERVICE WAS FROM 1954 TO 1967, A GUNNERY SERGEANT IN  
16 THE U.S. MARINE CORPS, FIRST MARINE DIVISION. HE WAS IN  
17 VIETNAM, HE WAS IN A NUMBER OF BATTLES. HE RECEIVED THE SILVER  
18 STAR MEDAL, THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, PURPLE HEART, NAVY  
19 COMMENDATION MEDAL, GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL WITH THREE STARS,  
20 PRESIDENTIAL UNIT COMMENDATIONS, MERITORIOUS UNIT  
21 COMMENDATIONS, NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL WITH STARS,  
22 VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL WITH FOUR STARS AND VIETNAM PRESIDENTIAL  
23 UNIT CITATION FOR ALL HIS SERVICE IN VIETNAM. HE'S RETIRED  
24 FROM THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE. HE WENT TO SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY  
25 IN BATON ROUGE. HE WENT TO PHILLIS WHEATLEY HIGH SCHOOL, AND



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1 HE IS ENGAGED. HIS FIANCE IS HERE WITH HIM, WILMA KAUFMAN, AND  
2 SHE IS FROM THE JACKIE ROBINSON POST. AND WHAT SERVICE WERE  
3 YOU IN? AND SHE WAS IN THE ARMY. [ APPLAUSE ]

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE'LL CALL THE AGENDA.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE  
8 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 6, AGENDA FOR THE  
9 MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY  
10 OF LOS ANGELES, ITEMS 1-D AND 2-D. ON ITEM 1-D, IT WOULD BE  
11 APPROPRIATE TO HOLD THIS ITEM UNTIL AFTER THE RELATED PUBLIC  
12 HEARING. AND, ON ITEM 2-D, AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL  
13 SHEET, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
14 COMMISSION REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE  
15 DEPARTMENT. AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF  
16 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ITEM 1-H. IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE  
17 TO HOLD THIS ITEM UNTIL AFTER THE RELATED PUBLIC HEARING.  
18 PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 13, WE WILL HOLD THESE ITEMS  
19 FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING. AND, ON ITEM 14, AT THE MEETING OF MAY  
20 16TH, 2006, THE BOARD DECLARED ITS INTENT TO CONTINUE WITHOUT  
21 DISCUSSION TO JUNE 7TH, 2006, AT 9:30 A.M. ADMINISTRATIVE  
22 MATTERS, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 15 THROUGH 22. ON ITEM  
23 16, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SUPERVISOR BURKE, AND MEMBERS OF  
24 THE PUBLIC WOULD LIKE TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND, ON ITEM 19,





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1 SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REST  
2 ARE BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED.  
5 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 19 WAS HELD?

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** 19 WAS HELD.

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11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES. CORRECT. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER,  
12 ITEMS 23 AND 24.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
15 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BEACHES AND HARBORS, ITEM 25.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY MOLINA. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
20 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** COMMUNITY DEVELOP COMMISSION, ITEM 26. ON  
23 ITEM 26, AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE  
24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
25 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED.

3 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

4

5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MENTAL HEALTH, ITEM 27. THE DIRECTOR OF  
6 MENTAL HEALTH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO  
7 MAY 30TH, 2006.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MOTION BY BURKE-- 27.

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 27.

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
14 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, ITEMS 28 AND 29. ON  
17 ITEM 28, SUPERVISOR BURKE WOULD LIKE THIS ITEM CONTINUED ONE  
18 WEEK TO MAY 30TH, 2006. AND, ON ITEM 29, AS NOTED ON THE GREEN  
19 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES  
20 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY MOLINA. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
23 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

24



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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEM 30. THIS ITEM, IT  
2 INCLUDES SUPERVISORS-- SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S AMENDMENT, AS  
3 NOTED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I'LL MOVE THAT. SECONDED BY MOLINA.  
6 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, ITEMS 31 AND  
9 32.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED.  
12 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEMS 33 AND  
15 34. AND, ON BOTH OF THESE ITEMS, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE  
16 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE CONTINUED TO MAY 30TH,  
17 2006. ALSO, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON BOTH  
18 OF THESE ITEMS.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DR. CLAVREUL, IF WE CONTINUE IT-- YOU  
21 WANT TO SPEAK? YOU WANT TO SPEAK. OKAY. WE'LL HOLD THOSE  
22 ITEMS.

23



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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION, ITEM 35 AND 36.

2 AND, ON ITEM 35, FOR THE RECORD, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH VOTES  
3 "NO".

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ON 35, MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED  
6 BY BURKE, WITH ME VOTING "NO". SO ORDERED.

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEMS 37 AND 38. AND, ON  
9 ITEM 38, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS  
10 ITEM BE CONTINUED TO MAY 30TH, 2006 AND ALSO A MEMBER OF THE  
11 PUBLIC WOULD LIKE THIS ITEM HELD.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. SO WE'LL HOLD THAT, ITEM 37,  
14 THEN, BY MOLINA, SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MISCELLANEOUS, ITEM 39, ADDITIONS TO THE  
17 AGENDA REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE  
18 OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF  
19 THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.  
20 ITEM 39-A.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I'LL MOVE THAT. SECONDED BY  
23 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

24

25 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 39-B.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOVE THAT. SECONDED BY BURKE. WITHOUT  
3 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

4

5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON 39-C, SUPERVISOR BURKE AND SUPERVISOR  
6 YAROSLAVSKY WOULD LIKE TO HOLD THIS ITEM. 39-D.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
9 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 39-E.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY MOLINA. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
14 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.  
17 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGINS WITH SUPERVISORIAL  
18 DISTRICT NO. 5.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME FIRST ANNOUNCE FOR RECOGNITION  
21 THE MEMBERS OF THE CURRENT 2006/2007 CIVIL GRAND JURY WHO ARE  
22 IN THE AUDIENCE TODAY, SO IF YOU'D LIKE TO PLEASE RISE AND BE  
23 RECOGNIZED, MEMBERS OF THE GRAND JURY. [ APPLAUSE ]

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND ALSO, FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE, WHO IS  
2   NOT WITH US TODAY, WE'D LIKE TO ASK THE MEMBERS OF THE L.A.  
3   CARE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO ALSO BE-- STAND AND BE  
4   RECOGNIZED AS WELL. L.A. CARE? THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

5

6   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THIS MORNING WE'RE GOING TO WELCOME  
7   TOM ALEXANDER, WHO IS THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT  
8   OF PUBLIC WORKS AS WE PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF MAY 21ST THROUGH  
9   THE 27TH AS PUBLIC WORKS WEEK THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY AND ALSO  
10   WE HAVE WITH US, WE'RE GOING TO HONOR PETER NARDI, WHO IS THE  
11   DEPARTMENT'S 2006 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR. ALSO FROM THE  
12   DEPARTMENT IS DIEGO CADINA, WHO IS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, RUDY  
13   LEE, ASSISTANT DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PHIL DUDAR, WHO IS A PRINCIPLE  
14   ENGINEER, AND GARY HILDEBRAND, WHO IS A SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER.  
15   WE KNOW EACH YEAR THE PUBLIC WORKS SERVES A REMINDER OF THE  
16   VALUE OF THEIR IMPORTANCE IN OUR COMMUNITY. FROM THE DESIGN,  
17   BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE OF OUR PUBLIC WORKS INFRASTRUCTURE TO  
18   PROMOTING WATER QUALITY AND STEWARDSHIP OF THE ENVIRONMENT,  
19   PUBLIC WORKS IS A SUBSTANTIAL AND VITAL PART OF OUR DAILY  
20   LIVES. THE DEPARTMENT'S MISSION IS TO RESOLVE OUR PUBLIC  
21   WORKS-- LET'S SAY THEIR MISSION IS TO HELP ENSURE THAT WE HAVE  
22   THE RIGHT INFRASTRUCTURE AND, WHEN WE HAVE A CRISIS, BE IT A  
23   FLOOD, BE IT A FIRE, THEY ARE THERE TO ENSURE THAT WE CAN  
24   RESTORE NORMALITY AS QUICK AS POSSIBLE. ONE PARTICULAR  
25   EMPLOYEE, PETER NARDI, HAS DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF IN COUNTY



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1 SERVICE FOR PAST 14 YEARS, ADVANCING FROM PUBLIC WORKS LABORER  
2 TO HIS PRESENT POSITION OF PRINCIPLE CIVIL ENGINEER TECHNICIAN  
3 IN THE FLOOD MAINTENANCE DIVISION. HE PLAYED AN INTEGRAL PART  
4 IN PROTECTING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR COUNTY RESIDENTS BY  
5 SUPPORTING THE OPERATIONS OF THE WEST AREA OF FLOOD  
6 MAINTENANCE DIVISION IN 2005, DURING THE SECOND WETTEST STORM  
7 ON RECORD. HIS OUTSTANDING WORK ETHIC, CONSCIENTIOUSNESS AND  
8 HUMILITY HAVE GAINED HIM THE ADMIRATION AND RESPECT OF HIS  
9 FELLOW EMPLOYEES, AS WELL AS THE MANY PROFESSIONALS IN THE  
10 COMMUNITY TO WHICH PUBLIC WORKS PROVIDES SERVICES. SO, PETER,  
11 CONGRATULATIONS. LET ME FIRST GIVE THIS TO PETER AND THEN I'LL  
12 GIVE THE... [ APPLAUSE ]

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. ALEXANDER-- I'LL ASK MR. ALEXANDER  
15 FIRST TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

16

17 **TOM ALEXANDER:** IT'S A PLEASURE FOR US TO SAY A FEW WORDS ON  
18 THIS OCCASION OF PUBLIC-- OF PUBLIC WORKS RECOGNITION WEEK.  
19 OFTEN, PEOPLE ONLY PAY ATTENTION TO PUBLIC WORKS WHEN A  
20 PROBLEM COMES UP BUT WE WANT YOU TO BE CONSCIOUS THAT THERE IS  
21 ALWAYS A HOST OF DEDICATED COUNTY EMPLOYEES, WE WANT YOU TO  
22 TAKE PUBLIC WORKS FOR GRANTED. THAT'S OUR GOAL TO BE THERE,  
23 THE WATER WILL BE THERE, THE SEWER WILL BE THERE. WE DO THESE  
24 THINGS ROUTINELY BUT IT'S VERY NICE TO BE RECOGNIZED ONCE A



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1 YEAR ON THIS SPECIAL OCCASION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE  
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4 **PETER NARDI:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I JUST WANT TO SAY IT'S  
5 BEEN A GREAT HONOR WORKING IN SUCH A GREAT DEPARTMENT WITH  
6 GREAT PEOPLE AND A GREAT ORGANIZATION. THANK YOU. IT'S BEEN AN  
7 HONOR.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND TERRY  
10 HAYES FOR EIGHT YEARS OF SERVICE AS MY APPOINTEE TO THE  
11 COMMISSION ON ALCOHOLISM, THE PAST THREE YEARS SERVING AS THE  
12 CHAIRMAN. A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, TERRY RECEIVED HER  
13 BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ENGLISH FROM LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY.  
14 SHE'S A CERTIFIED ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR AND A FORMER  
15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNCIL OF GREATER  
16 LOS ANGELES. SHE CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR  
17 FOR THE EPILEPSY-- DIRECTOR AT SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH'S OF ST.  
18 CARONDELET, THE ORDER MY AUNT IS A MEMBER OF. SHE'S INVOLVED  
19 IN SEVERAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING ROTARY, OWNER  
20 AND SECRETARY FOR WILSHIRE TOWN HOMES AND WE WANT TO THANK YOU  
21 FOR THE PAST EIGHT YEARS SERVING AS MY APPOINTEE TO THE  
22 ALCOHOL AND DRUG COMMISSION. [ APPLAUSE ]

23

24 **TERRY HAYES:** THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH. IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE TO  
25 WORK WITH SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND THE COUNTY TO TRY AND



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1 IMPROVE AND PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HELP WITH  
2 ADDICTION AND DRUG PROBLEMS. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW WE HAVE LITTLE MAX, A PEKINGESE.  
5 HE'S A NEUTERED MALE, WHO IS 12 MONTHS OLD. OH, MY GOODNESS.  
6 LITTLE MAX IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. SO ANYBODY WHO WOULD LIKE TO  
7 ADOPT MAX, YOU CAN CALL (562) 728-4644 AND ANYBODY IN THE  
8 AUDIENCE WHO IS INTERESTED, YOU CAN COME OVER TO THE RIGHT-  
9 HAND SIDE OF THE HALL AND GET SOME INFORMATION ON MAX. SO,  
10 ANYWAY, HE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME, AND HE'S READY TO GO. READY  
11 TO BEGIN THE SUMMER. OKAY. [ APPLAUSE ]

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, ANY  
14 PRESENTATIONS?

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE THE TAFT HIGH SCHOOL GROUP HERE? COME ON  
17 UP. [ APPLAUSE ]

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE'RE VERY HONORED THIS MORNING TO WELCOME  
20 THE 2006 UNITED STATES ACADEMIC DECATHLON CHAMPIONS FROM TAFT  
21 HIGH SCHOOL IN WOODLAND HILLS. THE TEAM SCORED 51,000-- THEY  
22 WANT TO BE SEEN BY THE TELEVISION. THE TEAM SCORED 51,695.7  
23 POINTS OUT OF A TOTAL OF 60,000 POSSIBLE TO WIN THE 2006  
24 ACADEMIC DECATHLON IN SAN ANTONIO BETWEEN APRIL 27TH AND APRIL  
25 29TH. THEY WON 43 INDIVIDUAL MEDALS AND CAPTURED SEVEN OF THE



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1 NINE HIGHEST SCORING STUDENT AWARDS. ACTISH SALANT WAS THE  
2 HIGHEST SCORING INDIVIDUAL IN THE COMPETITION. HE WAS ALSO  
3 HONORED BY BEING ASKED TO SPEAK AT THE SPEECH SHOWCASE AT THE  
4 NATIONALS. THIS IS THE THIRD NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FOR TAFT  
5 HIGH SCHOOL AND THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP  
6 FOR AN L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL, EL CAMINO REAL  
7 HIGH SCHOOL WON IN 2004 AND 2005. AND I THINK IT BEARS SOME  
8 MENTION THAT, WITH ALL OF THE TRASHING OF THE L.A. UNIFIED  
9 SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT SEEMS TO BE GOING AROUND IN OUR COMMUNITY  
10 DAY IN AND DAY OUT, THERE IS NOT A LOT OF FOCUS ON THE  
11 SUCCESSES THAT TAKE PLACE, DAY IN AND DAY OUT, AT MANY OF OUR  
12 SCHOOLS, ALL OF OUR SCHOOLS TO ONE EXTENT OR ANOTHER, AND TAFT  
13 HIGH SCHOOL'S ACHIEVEMENT OF THIS YEAR CERTAINLY RANKS AMONG  
14 THE GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.  
15 SO WE WANTED TO HONOR YOU. WE'RE PROUD-- THE COUNTY OF LOS  
16 ANGELES IS PROUD OF TAFT HIGH SCHOOL. I'M PROUD OF YOU BECAUSE  
17 YOUR SCHOOL IS IN MY DISTRICT AND SO WE LIKE TO KIND OF BATHE  
18 IN THE GLORY OF THE TAFT VICTORY, NOTHING A POLITICIAN  
19 WOULDN'T DO FOR A LITTLE GLORY, BUT WE ARE VERY-- HEH-- WE ARE  
20 VERY PROUD OF THE SUCCESS AND I HAVE-- WHERE IS THE PLAQUE?  
21 FIRST, I WANTED TO PRESENT THIS PLAQUE, IT WILL BE PRESENTED  
22 TO WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT HIGH SCHOOL ON THE OCCASION OF THE  
23 ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAMS U.S. ACADEMIC DECATHLON 2006 NATIONAL  
24 CHAMPIONSHIP WITH WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR OUTSTANDING  
25 AND INSPIRATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT PRESENTED BY ALL FIVE OF US. SO





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1 LET ME PRESENT THAT FIRST OF ALL. AND I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO  
2 SAY A COUPLE OF WORDS. WE'RE JOINED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE TEAM  
3 AND COACH ARTHUR BIRCHEN. ARTHUR, WE'LL HAVE YOU SPEAK IN A  
4 SECOND AND MAYBE WE'LL HAVE THE GUY WHO SPOKE TO NATIONALS  
5 TAKE A SECOND TO GIVE US A TASTE OF WHAT THEY HEARD IN  
6 NATIONALS BUT I WANTED TO PRESENT THESE INDIVIDUAL  
7 CERTIFICATES SIGNED BY ALL FIVE OF THE SUPERVISORS TO MEMBERS  
8 OF THE TEAM. FIRST OF ALL, TO JULIA REBROVIA. DAVID  
9 NOVGOROTSKI. NEXT, TO MICHAEL FARRELL. ZACHARY ELLINGTON.  
10 MONICA SHETLER. DAVID LOPEZ. DEAN SCHAFER. FARHAN KHAN. ATISH  
11 SEVAN. AND LAST, TO THE COACH AND I THINK WE ALL KNOW HOW HARD  
12 THESE COACHES WORK AND HOW HARD THEY WORK THEIR TEAM.  
13 CONGRATULATIONS, COACH, ON A GREAT, GREAT YEAR AND A GREAT  
14 ACADEMIC DECATHLON, ARTHUR BIRCHEN. ARTHUR WILL SAY A COUPLE  
15 OF WORDS.

16

17 **ARTHUR BIRCHEN:** I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE  
18 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS HONOR AND I WOULD LIKE YOU TO  
19 KNOW THAT, NO MATTER HOW DIFFICULT YOUR JOBS ARE, YOU HAVE IT  
20 EASY COMPARED TO WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR THE PAST YEAR. THESE  
21 STUDENTS HAVE PUT IN, BESIDES THEIR TIME THAT THEY NORMALLY  
22 PUT IN SCHOOL, 35 HOURS A WEEK OVER THOSE HOURS AND I THINK IT  
23 ALL PAID OFF BECAUSE, IN THE LAST 25 YEARS OF NATIONAL  
24 COMPETITIONS FOR THE ACADEMIC DECATHLON, THIS TEAM HAS EARNED



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1 THE HIGHEST SCORE IN THE HISTORY OF THE COMPETITION. WE'RE  
2 VERY PROUD OF THEM FOR HAVING DONE THAT. [ APPLAUSE ]

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE TEAM CAPTAIN IS GOING TO SPEAK FOR THE  
5 TEAM. ALL RIGHT.

6

7 **DEAN SCHAFFER:** HI. I'M DEAN SCHAFFER, CAPTAIN. I'D LIKE-- DR.  
8 RICHARD SAVY, I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE  
9 HERE AND BE HONORED BY THIS PRESTIGIOUS BODY. IT'S REALLY  
10 NICE. LIKE DR. RICHARDS SAID, WE ALL WORKED VERY, VERY HARD  
11 FOR THE PAST, I GUESS, 10 OR 11 MONTHS TO REPRESENT OUR SCHOOL  
12 AND AFTER WE WON THE L.A. COMPETITION, TO REPRESENT THE CITY  
13 OF LOS ANGELES, WHICH IS, OF COURSE, PART OF THE COUNTY AND WE  
14 FEEL THAT WE DID OUR BEST THAT WE POSSIBLY COULD TO SHOW THAT  
15 WE REALLY CARED IN HOW WE REPRESENTED THE CITY AND THE STATE  
16 AND WE FEEL THAT, IN REPRESENTING THE COUNTRY, WE'LL DO AS  
17 WELL AS WE POSSIBLY CAN TO SHOW A GOOD SIDE OF L.A. THAT WE  
18 REALLY THINK NEEDS TO BE SEEN SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS  
19 HONOR. [ APPLAUSE ]

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, ONE MORE SECOND. MR. SCHAFFER  
22 WANTS TO USURP THE MICROPHONE.

23



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1 **MR. SCHAFFER:** I FORGOT TO MENTION THAT THE TEAM WOULD LIKE TO  
2 PRESENT THIS PLAQUE TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND I'M GIVING  
3 IT TO THEM ON BEHALF OF THE TEAM. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT WE HAD  
6 THE PRINCIPAL HERE FROM TAFT AND THAT'S SHARON THOMAS. SHARON,  
7 THANK YOU FOR BEING WITH US.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** WE ARE VERY HONORED TODAY, I'D LIKE TO CALL  
12 FORWARD THE METRO CHOIR MEMBERS AND WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
13 HEAR THEM SOMETIMES BUT I DON'T THINK THAT THE COUNTY HAS HAD  
14 AN OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR THEM. WE SHOULD HAVE CALLED THEM UP  
15 EARLIER. WHILE THEY'RE COMING UP, I'M GOING TO LET YOU KNOW A  
16 LITTLE BIT ABOUT THEM. IN 1993, A SMALL GROUP OF METRO  
17 EMPLOYEES THOUGHT OF SINGING CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT LUNCHTIME TO  
18 KEEP THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON ALIVE. NOW, OVER 12 YEARS LATER,  
19 WITH 34 VOLUNTEER CHOIR MEMBERS, THE TRADITION CONTINUES.  
20 UNDER THE DIRECTION OF METRO CHOIR DIRECTOR RENEE WILLIS, THE  
21 METRO CHOIR REHEARSES AND SINGS ON THEIR LUNCH HOURS, RAISES  
22 THE MORALE OF METRO PERSONNEL BY ENCOURAGING EXPRESSION AND  
23 CREATIVITY. THE METRO CHOIR HAS PERFORMED AT NUMEROUS EVENTS  
24 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OVER THE YEARS. MOST RECENTLY, THEY  
25 PERFORMED AT THE LATE ARTHUR WINSTON'S 100TH BIRTHDAY



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1 CELEBRATION, AS WELL AS HIS RETIREMENT AND ALSO HERE AT THE  
2 HALL OF ADMINISTRATION WITH THE CIVIC CENTER CHOIR DURING OUR  
3 CHRISTMAS CONCERT. THE METRO CHOIR EVEN HAD THE HONOR OF  
4 PERFORMING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AT AN L.A. AVENGERS ARENA  
5 FOOTBALL GAME AT THE STAPLES CENTER AT MAY 13TH. I FIRST HEARD  
6 THE METRO CHOIR LAST YEAR DURING THE METRO'S ANNUAL BLACK  
7 HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM. I WAS VERY IMPRESSED. I'M NOW VERY  
8 PLEASED TO PRESENT RENEE WILLIS, CHOIR DIRECTOR, AND THE METRO  
9 CHOIR MEMBERS AND WE'LL BE MAKING A PRESENTATION OF A SCROLL  
10 TO THEM AFTER THEY CONCLUDE THEIR SELECTION. AND THEY WILL BE  
11 SINGING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM. SINGING: OH, SAY CAN YOU SEE BY  
12 THE DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT WHAT SO PROUDLY WE HAILED AT THE  
13 TWILIGHT'S LAST GLEAMING WHOSE BROAD STRIPES AND BRIGHT STARS  
14 THROUGH THE PERILOUS NIGHT O'ER THE RAMPARTS WE WATCHED WERE  
15 SO GALLANTLY STREAMING AND THE ROCKETS' RED GLARE THE BOMBS  
16 BURSTING IN AIR GAVE PROOF THROUGH THE NIGHT THAT OUR FLAG WAS  
17 STILL THERE O SAY DOES THAT STAR SPANGLED BANNER YET WAVE O'ER  
18 THE LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE [ APPLAUSE ]

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** WE WANT TO PRESENT THIS TO RENEE WILLIS, THE  
21 DIRECTOR, AND I WANT TO SAY WE REALLY APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT  
22 YOU HAVE THIS SPIRIT AND COMMITMENT, AND ALSO TO BRING A  
23 LITTLE JOY TO THE M.T.A. WE WANT TO THANK YOU. THAT WAS  
24 BEAUTIFUL. THANK YOU FOR COMING HERE. WE APPRECIATE YOU  
25 BRINGING JOY TO ALL OF US, PARTICULARLY DURING THE CHRISTMAS



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1 SEASON-- OH, WE'RE FINALLY HEARING. PARTICULARLY DURING THE  
2 CHRISTMAS SEASON BUT I WANT TO SAY TO SPENT YOUR TIME AFTER  
3 ALL THE HARD HOURS THAT YOU PUT IN AT METRO, WE APPRECIATE  
4 THAT AND WANT TO THANK YOU AND PARTICULARLY WANT TO THANK YOU  
5 FOR COMING HERE AND THEY WERE GREAT, RENEE. CONGRATULATIONS TO  
6 YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** WE'LL TAKE EVERYONE'S PICTURE. SHE'S GOING TO MAKE  
9 SOME REMARKS BUT FIRST I'LL GET RIGHT BETWEEN HERE AND WE CAN  
10 GET-- WE'LL GET A PICTURE WITH THE ENTIRE CHOIR. CAN WE? WOULD  
11 YOU JUST SHARE SOME REMARKS WITH US?

12

13 **RENEE WILLIS:** CERTAINLY. I CERTAINLY CONSIDER THIS AN HONOR TO  
14 TAKE OFF WORK, WE CAME ON OUR OWN TIME, TO JUST SAY THANK YOU  
15 TO THE COUNTY AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS HONOR.  
16 THIS IS JUST A SMALL SAMPLING OF THE EMPLOYEES OF METRO. WE  
17 PROVIDE THE BEST TRANSPORTATION SERVICE IN L.A. COUNTY AND WE  
18 DO-- WE DO WHAT WE DO ON OUR LUNCH HOUR AND THAT'S A VERY,  
19 VERY SACRIFICIAL THING TO DO, TO GIVE UP FOOD TO LEARN SONGS  
20 AND SING AT OUR WORKPLACE. SO WE'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THAT  
21 HONOR, MS. BURKE.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** AND WE ARE VERY PROUD OF M.T.A. AND METRO FOR THE  
24 KIND OF SERVICE YOU RENDER AND WE HAVE TO SAY THAT BECAUSE WE





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1 NEED TO RECOGNIZE AND WE HAVE GREAT EMPLOYEES AND WE ALSO HAVE  
2 A GREAT CHOIR.

3

4 **RENEE WILLIS:** THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU FOR COMING OVER. THANK YOU.

7

8 **RENEE WILLIS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU. GOOD TO SEE YOU.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. THOSE APPEARING ON PUBLIC LAND  
13 USE ISSUES WILL BE SWORN IN.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE  
16 BOARD ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1 THROUGH 13, PLEASE STAND AND  
17 RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. [ ADMINISTERING OATH ]

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. PLEASE BE SEATED. PUBLIC HEARING  
20 ITEM 1, HEARING ON THE ANNUAL GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL  
21 SERVICE FEE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006/2007 FOR THE ATHENS-  
22 WOODCREST-OLIVITA GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT AND ON INCREASE OF  
23 ANNUAL SERVICE FEES IN THE DISTRICT BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR  
24 2006/2007. MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THERE ARE NO  
25 WRITTEN PROTESTS ON THIS MATTER.



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2 **EMIKO THOMPSON:** GOOD MORNING HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF  
3 THE BOARD. MY NAME IS EMIKO THOMPSON...

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** COULD THEY TURN UP THE VOLUME, PLEASE?

6

7 **EMIKO THOMPSON:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF  
8 THE BOARD. MY NAME IS EMIKO THOMPSON AND I AM A SENIOR CIVIL  
9 ENGINEER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM FAMILIAR  
10 WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS TO INCREASE THE ATHENS-WOODCREST-  
11 OLIVITA GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT GARBAGE COLLECTION AND  
12 DISPOSAL SERVICE FEE FROM \$106 TO \$177 PER REFUSE UNIT AND TO  
13 CONTINUE TO COLLECT THE SERVICE FEE ON THE TAX ROLL DURING  
14 FISCAL YEAR 2006/2007. THE REPORT ON THE GARBAGE COLLECTION  
15 AND DISPOSAL SERVICE FEE WAS PREPARED IN MY OFFICE AND UNDER  
16 MY DIRECTION. IN MY OPINION, IT IS NECESSARY TO INCREASE THE  
17 SERVICE FEE TO THE RECOMMENDED LEVEL DUE TO INCREASES IN WASTE  
18 COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL COSTS WITHIN THE INDUSTRY, THE RECENT  
19 CHANGE TO THE AUTOMATED COLLECTION METHOD TO ENHANCE RECYCLING  
20 AND THE DEPLETING RESERVES DUE TO STATE CUTBACKS ON PROPERTY  
21 TAX TRANSFERS. IN MY OPINION, IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO  
22 CONTINUE TO COLLECT THE SERVICE FEE ON THE TAX ROLL BECAUSE IT  
23 PROVIDES FOR THE MOST ORDERLY COLLECTION OF SUCH CHARGE FROM  
24 THE AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS. IN MY OPINION, THE PROPOSED  
25 GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE FEE IS NECESSARY TO



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1 PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR ADEQUATE SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT  
2 AND THE PROPOSED FEE HAS BEEN FAIRLY IMPOSED. NOTICES OF THE  
3 PROPOSED SERVICE FEE INCREASE WERE MAILED TO APPROXIMATELY  
4 6,700 PROPERTY OWNERS. WE RECEIVED NINE OBJECTIONS. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. ANYBODY SIGNED UP ON THIS ITEM?  
7 IF NOT, WE HAVE A MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY TO CLOSE THE HEARING  
8 AND APPROVE THE ITEM. SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY. ON ITEM NUMBER 2, HEARING ON PURCHASE  
11 OF 4.62 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12680 THROUGH 12686  
12 CORAL PLACE, CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS, IN THE AMOUNT OF  
13 \$10,800,000 PLUS ESCROW COSTS AND RELATED FEES NOT TO EXCEED  
14 \$75,000 FOR THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK. MR. MAYOR,  
15 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THERE ARE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS ON THIS  
16 MATTER.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO IS SIGNED  
19 UP ON THIS ITEM? OKAY. MOTION BY BURKE TO APPROVE THE ITEM BY  
20 CLOSING THE HEARING AND MAKING THE RECOMMENDATION. SECONDED.  
21 WITHOUT OPPOSITION, SO ORDERED.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 3, HEARING ON ANNEXATION OF  
24 PARCEL NUMBER 37-04 TO THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE  
25 DISTRICT AND TO THE LAKE HUGHES ZONE WITHIN UNINCORPORATED



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1 TERRITORY AND THE LEVYING OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE  
2 ANNEXED PARCEL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007/2008. THERE ARE NO WRITTEN  
3 PROTESTS ON THIS MATTER.

4

5 **NICHOLAS AGBOBU:** MY NAME IS NICHOLAS AGBOLU. I'M A SENIOR  
6 CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM  
7 FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION TO THE  
8 CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT AND THE LAKE HUGHES  
9 ZONE OF PARCEL 37-04 IN THE UNINCORPORATED LAKE HUGHES AREA  
10 AND THE LEVYING OF SEWER SERVICE CHARGES TO THE ANNEXED  
11 PARCEL. IN MY OPINION, PARCEL 37-04 WILL BE BENEFITED BY THE  
12 ANNEXATION AND THE SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED. IN MY OPINION, THE  
13 SEWER SERVICE CHARGE AND THE SPECIAL ZONE CHARGE HAVE BEEN  
14 FAIRLY IMPOSED.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IS ANYBODY SIGNED UP WHO WOULD LIKE TO  
17 SPEAK ON THIS ITEM? IF NOT, SUPERVISOR MOLINA WILL MOVE TO  
18 CLOSE THE HEARING AND APPROVE THE ITEM. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
19 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

20

21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY. ON ITEM NUMBER 4, HEARING ON THE  
22 LEVYING OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS IN COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICTS  
23 LLA-1 FOR STREET LIGHTING PURPOSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006/2007.  
24 THERE ARE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS ON THIS MATTER.

25



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1   **RANDINE RUIZ:** MY NAME IS RANDINE RUIZ AND I'M A SENIOR CIVIL  
2   ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'M FAMILIAR WITH  
3   THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF THE ANNUAL  
4   STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENTS WITHIN COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT  
5   LLA-1 FOR ALL ZONES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006/2007 AT THE SAME  
6   RATES AS ARE BEING LEVIED DURING THE CURRENT YEAR. IN MY  
7   OPINION, ALL THE TERRITORY WITHIN LLA-1 WILL CONTINUE TO BE  
8   BENEFITED BY THE SERVICES PROVIDED AND THE ASSESSMENTS  
9   CONTINUE TO BE SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO THE BENEFITS PROVIDED  
10   TO THE INVOLVED PROPERTY. IN MY OPINION, IT IS JUST AND  
11   EQUITABLE AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST THAT THE ADDITIONAL COSTS  
12   FOR INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ADDITIONAL LIGHTS BE MADE  
13   A CHARGE UPON THE EXISTING DISTRICTS AS A WHOLE IN FISCAL YEAR  
14   2006/'07. WE ARE AWARE OF NO PROTESTS.

15

16   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANYBODY SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS  
17   ITEM? SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WILL MOVE TO CLOSE THE HEARING  
18   AND APPROVE THE ITEM. SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 5, HEARING ON ANNEXATION OF  
21   TERRITORY TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND  
22   COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1, UNINCORPORATED ZONE, AZUSA  
23   AREA, FORMATION OF IMPROVEMENT ZONE 524, WEATHER ROAD AND  
24   LEVYING OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE ANNEXED TERRITORY FOR  
25   STREET LIGHTING PURPOSES FOR THE UNINCORPORATED ZONE FOR





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1 FISCAL YEAR 2006/2007 AND LEVY A SPECIAL ANNUAL ASSESSMENT  
2 AGAINST BENEFITED PARCELS FOR REPAYMENT OF IMPROVEMENT COSTS.  
3 THERE ARE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS ON THIS MATTER.

4

5 **RANDINE RUIZ:** MY NAME IS RANDINE RUIZ AND I'M A SENIOR CIVIL  
6 ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'M FAMILIAR WITH  
7 THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY TO LIGHTING  
8 MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1,  
9 UNINCORPORATED ZONE AND THE FORMATION OF IMPROVEMENT ZONE 524  
10 AND THE LEVYING AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR PETITION  
11 AREA 88-58 IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. IN MY OPINION, THE PETITION  
12 AREA WILL BE BENEFITED BY THE ANNEXATION FORMATION OF THE  
13 IMPROVEMENT ZONE AND THE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED AND THE  
14 PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO  
15 BENEFIT. THE BASE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT WILL BE \$5 AND THE SPECIAL  
16 ZONE ASSESSMENT WILL BE APPROXIMATELY \$57 ANNUALLY PER PARCEL  
17 OVER A 10-YEAR PERIOD. IN THE EVENT THAT THERE ARE NO MAJORITY  
18 PROTESTS, WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD ADOPT THE  
19 RECOMMENDATION TO ANNEX AND TO LEVY THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME  
22 TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECT THE TABULATION OF  
23 BALLOTS AND TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL LATER IN THE MEETING FOR  
24 TABULATIONS, RESULTS AND ACTIONS BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 AND THAT WILL BE THE MOTION BY BURKE, AND I'LL SECOND THAT.

2 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 6, HEARING ON ANNEXATION OF  
5 TERRITORY TO COUNTY LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT DISTRICT  
6 NUMBER 4, ZONE NUMBER 77, WEST CREEK PARK AND THE LEVYING OF  
7 AN ANNUAL ASSESSMENT WITHIN THE ANNEXED TERRITORY TO PROVIDE  
8 LANDSCAPE AND PARK MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR  
9 2006/2007, AMEND EXISTING RATE WITHIN ZONE NUMBER 69, WEST  
10 CREEK CANYON ESTATES, AND APPROVE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
11 ADJUSTMENT COMPONENTS IN THE SANTA CLARITA AND THE EAST COUNTY  
12 AREAS. ON THIS ITEM, THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
13 REQUESTS THAT THE PORTION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND RELATED  
14 ACTIONS APPROVING NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN  
15 THE EAST COUNTY AREA BE CONTINUED UNTIL JULY 25TH, 2006.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO IT WILL JUST BE APPROVING A PART OF  
18 THAT IF WE APPROVE THE ITEM?

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ZONE NUMBER 77, ZONE NUMBER 69 AND THE  
21 SANTA CLARITA AREAS.

22

23 **KANDY HAYES:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS KANDY HAYES AND I'M THE  
24 DIVISION CHIEF FOR THE CONTRACTS AND SPECIAL DISTRICT WITH THE  
25 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION. I AM FAMILIAR WITH THESE



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1 PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION OF ADDITIONAL TERRITORY AND  
2 CREATION OF ZONE 77 AND THE LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE  
3 TERRITORY IN THE LLA-4 WEST CREEK PARK, THE INCREASE IN THE  
4 ASSESSMENTS OF ZONE 69 IN LLA-4, WEST CREEK CANYON ESTATES AND  
5 THE REVISION TO THE ASSESSMENTS TO ALLOW FOR THE CPI INCREASES  
6 WITHIN ZONE 15 OF THE LLA-2, LLA-4 IN THE SANTA CLARITA AREA.  
7 IN MY OPINION, THE AREA TO BE ANNEXED IN NEW ZONE 77 WILL BE  
8 BENEFITED BY THE ANNEXATION AND THE SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED  
9 AND THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO  
10 BENEFIT TO BE RECEIVED BY THE AFFECTED PARCELS. IN MY OPINION,  
11 THE REVISED ASSESSMENTS FOR ZONE 69 AND THE REVISED ASSESSMENT  
12 STRUCTURE FOR ZONES-- 15 ZONES IN THE LLA-2 AND LLA-4 HAVE  
13 ALSO BEEN SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO BENEFIT TO BE RECEIVED BY  
14 THE AFFECTED PARCELS. IN THE EVENT THAT THERE ARE NO MAJORITY  
15 PROTESTS, WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD ADOPT THE  
16 RECOMMENDATION TO ANNEX AND TO LEVY THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS  
17 FOR ZONES 77 AND 69 AND THE SANTA CLARITA AREA.

18  
19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT WOULD  
20 BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME TO CLOSE THE HEARING, DIRECT THE  
21 TABULATION OF BALLOTS FOR ZONE NUMBER 69 AND 77 AND ZONES IN  
22 THE SANTA CLARITA AREA AND SCHEDULE MAY 30TH, 2006, FOR  
23 TABULATION RESULTS AND ACTIONS BY YOUR BOARD. ALSO CONTINUE  
24 THAT PORTION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND RELATED ACTIONS



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1 APPROVING NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN THE EAST  
2 COUNTY AREA TO JULY 25TH, 2006.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY MOLINA. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
5 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY, ITEM 7, HEARING ON ANNEXATION OF  
8 APPROVED TENTATIVE SUBDIVISIONS TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE  
9 DISTRICT 1687, CALABASAS LIGHTING DISTRICT AND COUNTY LIGHTING  
10 DISTRICT LLA-1, UNINCORPORATED AND CALABASAS ZONES AND THE  
11 LEVYING OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR STREET LIGHTING PURPOSES FOR  
12 FISCAL YEAR 2006/2007. THERE ARE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS ON THIS  
13 MATTER.

14

15 **RANDINE RUIZ:** MY NAME IS RANDINE RUIZ AND I'M A SENIOR CIVIL  
16 ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'M FAMILIAR WITH  
17 THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION TO LIGHTING MAINTENANCE  
18 DISTRICT 1687, THE CALABASAS LIGHTING DISTRICT AND COUNTY  
19 LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1 AND THE LEVYING AND COLLECTION OF  
20 ASSESSMENTS FOR THE NINE SUBDIVISIONS REFERENCED IN THE BOARD  
21 LETTER. ONE OF THE SUBDIVISIONS LIES WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF  
22 THE CITY OF CALABASAS AND THE CITY HAS GIVEN ITS CONSENT AND  
23 JURISDICTION. IN MY OPINION, THE SUBDIVISIONS WILL BE  
24 BENEFITED BY THE ANNEXATION AND THE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED AND  
25 THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO



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1 BENEFIT. WE ARE ALSO RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD ACCEPT THE  
2 NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES FOR THE  
3 CONSENTING AGENCIES AND THAT YOUR BOARD PROVIDE FOR THE  
4 EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
5 WEST DISTRICT VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT WHICH HAS NOT RESPONDED.  
6 IN THE EVENT THAT THERE ARE NO MAJORITY PROTESTS, WE ARE  
7 RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION TO ANNEX  
8 AND TO LEVY THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS.

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10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT WOULD  
11 BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME TO CLOSE THE HEARING, DIRECT THE  
12 TABULATION OF THE BALLOTS AND TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL LATER IN  
13 THE MEETINGS FOR TABULATION RESULTS AND ACTIONS BY THE BOARD.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MOTION. WE'LL LAY IT ON THE  
16 TABLE.

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 8, HEARING ON ANNEXATION OF  
19 SUBDIVISION TERRITORIES TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE  
20 DISTRICTS 1687, 1697 AND 10038 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT  
21 LLA-1, UNINCORPORATED CARSON AND LOMITA ZONES, AND THE LEVYING  
22 AND ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR STREET LIGHTING PURPOSES FOR FISCAL  
23 YEAR 2006/2007. THERE ARE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS ON THIS MATTER.

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1   **RANDINE RUIZ:** MY NAME IS RANDINE RUIZ AND I'M A SENIOR CIVIL  
2   ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'M FAMILIAR WITH  
3   THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION TO LIGHTING MAINTENANCE  
4   DISTRICTS 1687, 1697, AND 10038 AND LLA-1 AND THE LEVYING AND  
5   COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE NINE SUBDIVISIONS REFERENCED  
6   IN THE BOARD LETTER. TWO OF THE SUBDIVISIONS LIE WITHIN THE  
7   BOUNDARIES OF THE CITIES OF CARSON AND LOMITA, RESPECTIVELY,  
8   AND THE CITIES HAVE GIVEN THEIR CONSENT AND JURISDICTION. IN  
9   MY OPINION, THE SUBDIVISIONS WILL BE BENEFITED BY THE  
10   ANNEXATION AND THE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED AND THE PROPOSED  
11   ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO BENEFIT. WE ARE  
12   ALSO RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD ACCEPT THE NEGOTIATED  
13   EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES FOR THE CONSENTING AGENCIES  
14   AND THAT YOUR BOARD PROVIDE FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX  
15   REVENUES FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WEST VECTOR CONTROL  
16   DISTRICT, WHICH HAS NOT RESPONDED. IN ANY EVENT THAT THERE ARE  
17   NO MAJORITY PROTESTS, WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD  
18   ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION TO ANNEX AND TO LEVY THE PROPOSED  
19   ASSESSMENTS.

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21   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT WOULD  
22   BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME TO CLOSE THE HEARING, DIRECT THE  
23   TABULATION OF BALLOTS AND TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL LATER IN THE  
24   MEETING FOR TABULATION RESULTS AND ACTION BY YOUR BOARD.





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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED.  
2   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 9, HEARING ON EXPANSION OF DRAINAGE  
5   BENEFIT ASSESSMENT AREA NUMBER 24, UNINCORPORATED COUNTY AREA  
6   OF PLUM CANYON TO INCLUDE ONE ADDITIONAL PUBLICLY OWNED PARCEL  
7   AND THE LEVYING OF REVISED ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS ON THE PARCELS  
8   OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE  
9   OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

10

11   **ROBIN PHILLIPS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ROBIN PHILLIPS AND  
12   I'M A SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
13   WORKS. I'M FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION  
14   OF ONE PUBLICLY-OWNED PARCEL AND THE LEVY OF INCREASED  
15   ASSESSMENTS WITHIN DRAINAGE BENEFIT ASSESSMENT AREA NUMBER 24  
16   TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE  
17   OF A DRAINAGE SYSTEM IN THE PLUM CANYON AREA OF THE FIFTH  
18   SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. THE REPORT ON THIS PROPOSED ANNEXATION  
19   AND LEVY OF INCREASED ASSESSMENTS WAS PREPARED IN MY OFFICE  
20   AND UNDER MY DIRECTION. IN MY OPINION, THE PARCEL TO BE  
21   ANNEXED, AS WELL AS THE EXISTING PARCELS, WILL BE BENEFITED BY  
22   THE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED AND THE PROPOSED REVISED  
23   ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO BENEFIT. IN THE  
24   EVENT THERE ARE NO MAJORITY PROTESTS, WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT



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1 YOUR BOARD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION TO ANNEX AND TO LEVY THE  
2 PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT WOULD  
5 BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME TO CLOSE THE HEARING, DIRECT THE  
6 TABULATION OF BALLOTS AND SCHEDULE MAY 30TH, 2006, FOR  
7 TABULATION RESULTS AND ACTION BY YOUR BOARD.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. THAT MOTION WILL BE BY MOLINA,  
10 SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 10, HEARING ON LEVYING OF FLOOD  
13 CONTROL BENEFIT ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006/2007 AT THE  
14 SAME RATE THAT IS CURRENTLY IN EFFECT TO PROVIDE APPROXIMATELY  
15 108 MILLION FOR FLOOD CONTROL PURPOSES.

16

17 **SHERRY AFSHARI:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SHERRY AFSHARI. I'M  
18 AN ASSISTANT DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
19 WORKS. I'M FAMILIAR WITH THIS PROCEEDING FOR THE LEVY OF THE  
20 ANNUAL FLOOD CONTROL BENEFIT ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR  
21 2006/2007. THE REPORT ON THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS WAS PREPARED  
22 IN MY OFFICE AND UNDER MY DIRECTION. NO INCREASE IN BENEFIT  
23 ASSESSMENT RATES IS PROPOSED FOR THIS COMING FISCAL YEAR. IN  
24 MY OPINION, THE PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE  
25 PROPOSED USE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE,



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1 RESTORATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF FLOOD CONTROL FACILITIES AND  
2 FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE  
3 ELIMINATION SYSTEM MUNICIPAL STORM WATER PERMIT REQUIREMENTS  
4 BECAUSE THE OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING AVAILABLE TO THE FLOOD  
5 CONTROL DISTRICT ARE NOT ADEQUATE TO COVER THE COST OF THE  
6 VARIOUS PROGRAMS DESCRIBED ABOVE. THE FLOOD CONTROL BENEFIT  
7 ASSESSMENT CONTINUES TO BE BASED UPON THE PROPORTIONATE STORM  
8 WATER RUNOFF FROM AFFECTED PARCELS, AS IS SPECIFICALLY  
9 AUTHORIZED BY STATE LAW GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54715. IN MY  
10 OPINION, THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN  
11 PROPORTION TO BENEFIT. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO PHONE CALLS NOR ANY  
12 WRITTEN PROTESTS TO THIS BENEFIT ASSESSMENT. THEREFORE, WE  
13 RECOMMEND THAT YOUR BOARD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED  
14 IN THE REPORT.

15  
16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MOTION TO CLOSE THE HEARING BY  
17 YAROSLAVSKY AND APPROVE THE ITEM. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
18 ORDERED.

19  
20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 11, HEARING ON PROPOSED  
21 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH'S REVISED PUBLISHED CHARGES FOR  
22 FISCAL YEAR 2005/2006 EFFECTIVE JUNE 1ST, 2006 AND PUBLISHED  
23 CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006/2007, EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST, 2006.  
24 THERE ARE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS ON THIS MATTER.



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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MOTION BY BURKE TO CLOSE THE  
2    HEARING AND APPROVE THE ITEM. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 12, HEARING TO ESTABLISH AN EVENT  
5    PARKING RATE AT EIGHT CIVIC CENTER PARKING LOTS AND AFTER 4:00  
6    P.M. RATE AT AUTO PARK 11 AND AN AFTER 8:00 P.M. REDUCED RATE  
7    AT THE MUSIC CENTER AND DISNEY CONCERT HALL GARAGES, AS  
8    REVISED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THERE ARE NO WRITTEN  
9    PROTESTS ON THIS MATTER.

10

11   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANYBODY SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS  
12   ITEM? IF NOT, SUPERVISOR MOLINA WILL MOVE TO CLOSE THE HEARING  
13   AND APPROVE THE ITEM. SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 13, HEARING ON APPROVAL OF THE  
16   2006/2007 ACTION PLAN TO ENABLE THE COUNTY TO RECEIVE AND  
17   ADMINISTER FEDERAL FUNDS FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
18   ACTIVITIES. THERE ARE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS ON THIS MATTER.

19

20   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WISHES TO  
21   SPEAK ON THIS ITEM?

22

23   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THERE IS A PUBLIC SPEAKER AND I BELIEVE THE  
24   NAME IS-- I APOLOGIZE IF I PRONOUNCE THIS WRONG-- CHRIS RUSS?  
25   IS THERE SOMEBODY IN THE AUDIENCE THAT IS...



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** FROM ENCINO?

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** LARRY ROSS, I APOLOGIZE.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHO SIGNED UP ON THIS ITEM FROM  
7 ENCINO, YOUR WRITING WAS DIFFICULT TO READ.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IS IT LARRY RUSS? ROSS?

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. ROSS? GOOD MORNING, MR. ROSS. HOW  
12 ARE YOU DOING?

13

14 **LARRY B. ROSS:** THE ITEM ON NUMBER 13, MY COMMENTS IS IN  
15 REFERENCE TO THE E.S.G., THE EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT. THE USE  
16 OF THE E.S.G. FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,320,991 TO FUND  
17 PROGRAMS THAT ASSIST THE HOMELESS AND TO AMEND THE ACTION PLAN  
18 TO INCLUDE THE FINAL DISTRIBUTION OF E.S.G. FUNDS TO THE LOS  
19 ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICE AUTHORITIES OR L.A.H.S.A. I FIRST  
20 SIGNED UP IN THE FALL OF 1996 AND EVERY SUBSEQUENT VISIT TO  
21 CHECK UP ON MY PROGRESS PROVED FUTILE. MY LATEST EFFORTS WERE  
22 EARLIER THIS YEAR. EVEN WHEN ADVANCE WARNING HAD BEEN GIVEN OF  
23 MY FUTURE ARRIVAL THERE TO GET THE PROGRESS REPORT; STILL, ON  
24 MY ARRIVAL THERE, THE ONE I HAD TALKED AT WITH ON THE PHONE  
25 AND TOLD ME THAT HE WOULD HAVE BEEN READY TO GIVE ME HAD



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1    NOTHING TO GIVE ME ONCE I WAS THERE. AND THAT WAS ABOUT  
2    FEBRUARY THE 24TH, 2006. L.A.H.S.A. RECEIVED FUNDINGS TO KEEP  
3    ITS DOORS OPEN. SUCH FUNDINGS ARE DEPENDENT UPON ITS OPERATION  
4    BEING NONDISCRIMINATORY, THAT ALL WHO APPLY AND QUALIFY BE  
5    GIVEN HOUSING AND ANY OTHER CRITERIA WOULD BE SUSCEPTIBLE TO  
6    BACKLASH, SUCH AS LOSS OF FUNDING AND LAWSUITS. NOW THESE  
7    REMEDIES AGAINST WRONG WERE PROVED FATAL TO PROGRAMS BY  
8    UTILIZING THEIR ESSENTIAL CREDIBILITY AND PURPOSE FOR BEING IN  
9    OPERATION, YET SUCH PRACTICES ARE IN EFFECT AND I HAVE BECOME  
10   ONE OF THE VICTIMS. LAWSUITS, LOST FUNDINGS WILL CRIPPLE ALL  
11   PROGRAMS WHICH DERIVE THEIR EXISTENCE FROM OUTSIDE FUNDING TO  
12   CONTINUE THEIR EXISTENCE. SHOULD GOVERNMENT FUNDINGS BE USED  
13   TO SUPPORT DISCRIMINATION? I HAVE THREE COMPLAINTS--  
14   CORRECTION, I HAVE FIVE COMPLAINT FORMS I WANT TO GIVE TO THE  
15   BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT HAVE A INDIRECT REFERENCE TO WHAT I  
16   HAVE STATED BEFORE YOU AT THIS TIME, FIVE SEPARATE COMPLAINTS  
17   I WOULD LIKE TO HAND IN TO THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS, FIVE SEPARATE  
18   COMPLAINTS. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

19

20   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ON THAT TOPIC, MR. ROSS... [ APPLAUSE  
21   CONTINUES ]

22

23   **LARRY B. ROSS:** EXCUSE ME?

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ON THAT-- HOW THE BLOCK GRANT  
2    OPERATES, THE FIVE...

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4    **LARRY B. ROSS:** THE COMPLAINT FORMS?

5

6    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES.

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8    **LARRY B. ROSS:** THOSE COMPLAINT FORMS HAD DIRECT REFERENCE TO  
9    MY NONAGENDA ITEM PRESENCE I WILL TALK UPON BUT HAS A DIRECT  
10   BEARING ON AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT THAT SHOULD PROVIDE-- IF  
11   THEY'RE PROVIDING SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC, ALL MEMBERS OF THE  
12   PUBLIC WHO QUALIFY TO RECEIVE THE SERVICES SHOULD BE GIVEN A  
13   EARNEST EVALUATION AND, IF THEY QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE IT, THEY  
14   SHOULD RECEIVE IT, THE SERVICES THAT HAVE BEEN OFFERED. I  
15   APPLIED BACK IN 1996 AND AS OF YET HAVEN'T EVEN HEARD A  
16   COMPETENT EVALUATION GIVEN ON MY PROGRESS.

17

18   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET'S ASK THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO ASK  
19   THE C.A.O. TO GIVE US A REPORT ON THIS. THANK YOU, MR. ROSS.

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21   **LARRY B. ROSS:** THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

22

23   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANY OTHER ITEMS?

24

25   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 13 IS BEFORE YOU.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BURKE TO CLOSE  
3 THE HEARING AND APPROVE THE ITEM. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
4 ORDERED.

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND RELATED AGENDA ITEMS 1-D AND 1-H.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MOTION BY MOLINA. SECONDED.  
9 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. WE HAVE THREE MINUTES TO THE  
10 SET ITEM.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 5, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS  
13 OF THE BOARD, AFTER TABULATING THE BALLOTS, A DETERMINATION  
14 HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE  
15 PROPOSED ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS FOR TERRITORY  
16 WITHIN COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY  
17 LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1 FOR THE UNINCORPORATED ZONE FORMATION  
18 OF IMPROVEMENT ZONE 524 AND THE LEVYING OF A SPECIAL ANNUAL  
19 ASSESSMENT. AS A RESULT, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD  
20 TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO ANNEX AND LEVY ASSESSMENTS FOR  
21 TERRITORY IMPROVEMENT ZONE 524 AND LEVY OF A SPECIAL ANNUAL  
22 ASSESSMENT.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. THAT WOULD BE THE MOTION BY  
25 MOLINA. SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7, AFTER TABULATING  
3 THE BALLOTS, A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY  
4 PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF  
5 ASSESSMENTS FOR TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION TERRITORIES WITHIN  
6 COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687, CALABASAS LIGHTING  
7 DISTRICT AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1. AS A RESULT, IT  
8 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO ADOPT THE NECESSARY  
9 RESOLUTIONS TO ANNEX AND LEVY ASSESSMENTS FOR TENTATIVE  
10 SUBDIVISION TERRITORIES, ACCEPTING THE EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY  
11 TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM THE ANNEXATION OF SUBDIVISION  
12 TERRITORIES.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.  
15 SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 8, AFTER TABULATING  
18 THE BALLOTS, A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY  
19 PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF  
20 ASSESSMENTS FOR SUBDIVISION TERRITORIES WITHIN THE COUNTY  
21 LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687, 1697 AND 10038 IN COUNTY  
22 LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1. AS A RESULT, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE  
23 FOR THE BOARD TO ADOPT THE NECESSARY RESOLUTIONS TO ANNEX AND  
24 LEVY ASSESSMENTS FOR SUBDIVISION TERRITORIES AND ACCEPTING THE



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1 EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM THE  
2 ANNEXATION OF THE TERRITORIES.  
3  
4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. SECONDED.  
5 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. LET'S GO TO THE SET ITEM. THAT  
6 IS MR. HERNANDEZ AND DR. LAKSHMANAN ON THE CORONERS HERE.  
7 WHILE THEY'RE COMING UP, LET ME STATE THAT, THIS PAST TUESDAY,  
8 WE SIGNED OUR FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE ROMAN GOVERNMENT  
9 WITH PRESIDENT ENRIQUEO GASPARRA AND FOR A FRIENDSHIP  
10 AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS AND PRESIDENT GASPARRA  
11 WILL BE COMING TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE'LL HOST HIM IN THE  
12 FALL BETWEEN THE SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER PERIOD. WE HAD THE  
13 OPPORTUNITY OF HAVING VERY GOOD PRODUCTIVE MEETINGS WITH THE  
14 ROMAN GOVERNMENT AND I ALSO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING  
15 POPE BENEDICT XVI AND TALKING TO HIM AND SEEING SOME OF THE  
16 PRIVATE ARCHIVES OF THE VATICAN, SO IT WAS A VERY PRODUCTIVE  
17 TRIP AND WE WANT TO THANK LOURDES \_\_\_\_\_, OUR PROTOCOL OFFICER  
18 AND THE CONSUL-GENERAL FOR ITALY AND THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT  
19 FOR THEIR COOPERATION ON THIS EFFORT. ON THE CORONER'S ISSUE,  
20 THERE WERE MANY LEGITIMATE CONCERNS THAT WERE RAISED AND, MR.  
21 HERNANDEZ, I UNDERSTAND THAT A PRIVATE CREMATORY WILL BE ON  
22 BOARD NEXT WEEK TO MITIGATE THE OVERCROWDING BUT THE QUESTION  
23 IS, WHY DID YOU WAIT UNTIL NOW TO INCREASE SPACE AND CONTRACT  
24 WITH THIS PRIVATE CREMATORY AND NOT PRIOR?

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1   **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** SUPERVISOR, WE ACTUALLY STARTED THE PROCESS  
2   IN LOOKING AT ADDITIONAL CREMATORY SPACE BACK IN DECEMBER OF  
3   2005. WHILE WE TRY TO STAY AWAY FROM UTILIZING STOPGAP  
4   MEASURES BECAUSE, AS YOU KNOW, U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER IS THE  
5   CREMATORY FOR THE COUNTY AND ALSO FOR THE CORONER, EXCEPT THAT  
6   U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER IS NOT ONLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE  
7   CORONER'S CASES TO BE CREMATED BUT THEY'RE ALSO RESPONSIBLE  
8   FOR ALL OTHER CASES THAT REQUIRE CREMATION THROUGHOUT THE  
9   ENTIRE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND WE REPRESENT ABOUT ONE-THIRD  
10  OF THAT.

11

12   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BUT THE LARGE INVENTORY DIDN'T OCCUR  
13  OVERNIGHT. IT HAD BEEN BUILDING FOR A PERIOD OF TIME. WHY  
14  WASN'T THAT TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION? BECAUSE YOU HAD THE  
15  RESOURCES TO PROVIDE THAT CONTRACT.

16

17   **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** SUPERVISOR, YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY CORRECT, THIS  
18  PROBLEM DID NOT OCCUR OVERNIGHT. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THIS HAS  
19  BEEN BUILDING OVER MANY, MANY, MANY YEARS AND WHAT WE'VE DONE,  
20  MONEY HAS BEEN PUT INTO THIS PROBLEM IN THE PAST AND HERE'S  
21  WHAT WE CAN SAY FROM A STANDPOINT SINCE 1982 OR SO IS WHEN WE  
22  FIRST REALIZED THAT WE HAD AN OVERCROWDING SITUATION, WHICH  
23  REQUIRED US TO TAKE MEASURES THAT WE DON'T LIKE TO TAKE, SUCH  
24  AS BODY STACKING AND DOING OTHER DIFFERENT THINGS THAT IS NOT  
25  APPROPRIATE. BUT THE BOARD WAS GOOD ENOUGH AND SO WAS THE



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1 C.A.O. GOOD ENOUGH TO GIVE US MONEYS TO EXPAND OUR CRYPT  
2 CAPACITY. WE HAD A BUILDING THAT WAS BUILT IN 1970 AND THIS  
3 PARTICULAR BUILDING HAS ABOUT 39,000 SQUARE FEET AND WAS  
4 DESIGNED TO HANDLE ABOUT 265 BODIES. WITH THE EXPANSION AND  
5 FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE BOARD, WE WERE ABLE TO ADD ONE MORE  
6 ADDITIONAL CRYPT AND ACTUALLY-- AND, LATER IN THE '80S, WE  
7 WERE ABLE TO ADD TWO MORE ADDITIONAL CRYPTS FOR A TOTAL OF  
8 THREE, SO THAT INCREASED OUR CAPACITY TO 325. SO, AS WE GO  
9 ALONG IN THE PROCESS HERE, THE NEXT STEP, LITERALLY, AS WE  
10 ENTERED INTO THE '90S WAS TO LOOK AT THE-- WHAT WE CALL THE  
11 TRUE SOLUTION AND THAT WAS A BUILDING WHICH WE HAVE NOW  
12 STUDIES AND SEVERAL OTHER COMPLETED REPORTS THAT COMPLETELY  
13 JUSTIFY THE NEED FOR A NEW BUILDING.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU HAVE APPROXIMATELY 80 TO 90 BODIES  
16 THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR CREMATION. HOW LONG HAVE THESE, FROM THE  
17 OLDEST TO THE NEWEST, HAVE BEEN AT THE CORONER'S OFFICE PRIOR  
18 TO THIS UPCOMING CREMATION?

19

20 **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** LOOKING OVER AT A COUPLE OF YEARS OF  
21 STATISTICS, WE'VE GOT ABOUT AN AVERAGE STAY FOR BODIES THAT  
22 AMOUNTS TO ABOUT FIVE MONTHS ON THE-- WHAT WE CALL THE LONG-  
23 TERM CASES BECAUSE I NEED TO CLARIFY FIRST TO LET EVERYONE  
24 KNOW THAT THE NORMAL CASES THAT WE DEAL WITH, THE NON-LONG-  
25 TERM CASES, ARE LITERALLY PROCESSED THROUGH OUR OFFICE WITHIN



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1 ABOUT A TWO TO THREE-DAY PERIOD AND THAT REPRESENTS ABOUT 85%  
2 OF OUR CASELOAD. IT'S THE LONG-TERM CASES THAT HAVE  
3 TRADITIONALLY CAUSED US PROBLEMS FROM YEARS AND YEARS AGO AND,  
4 ESSENTIALLY, THE REASON THAT THEY'RE TAKING AS MUCH TIME AS  
5 THEY DO IS A NUMBER OF REASONS. NUMBER ONE, THEY REQUIRE  
6 IDENTIFICATION. NUMBER TWO, ONCE IDENTIFIED, THEY'RE GOING TO  
7 REQUIRE CONTACTING A NEXT OF KIN. NUMBER THREE, WHEN YOU DO  
8 CONTACT NEXT OF KIN, IF YOU'RE LUCKY TO FIND NEXT OF KIN, YOU  
9 HAVE TO MAKE A DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER NEXT OF KIN IS  
10 WILLING TO ACT OR WHETHER THEY CHOOSE NOT TO ACT. IN MANY  
11 CASES, THEY CHOOSE NOT TO ACT AND THAT CAUSES THE SCENARIO  
12 THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT FOR CREMATION.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BUT IF YOU KNOW YOU HAVE A LARGE  
15 INVENTORY, IT'S TAKEN YOU SIX MONTHS AND YOU HAVE THE  
16 RESOURCES FOR THIS CONTRACT, IT'S TAKEN YOU SIX MONTHS TO  
17 IMPLEMENT THIS CONTRACT. WHY WOULDN'T YOU HAVE A CONTRACT IN  
18 PLACE TO DEAL WITH THE INVENTORY AT THE TIME THAT YOU HAVE A  
19 PROBLEM INSTEAD OF WAITING THE CONTRACT AND THEN, SIX MONTHS  
20 LATER, GETTING A CONTRACT APPROVED?

21

22 **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** I THINK THE ANSWER FOR THAT, TOO,  
23 SUPERVISOR, IS THAT, IN A ROUTINE MANNER WITH THESE PARTICULAR  
24 CASES, TYPICALLY, WE'RE MANAGING THESE CASES BUT,  
25 UNFORTUNATELY, SOMETIMES THESE CASELOADS, THEY CAN GO UP AND





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1 THEY TYPICALLY COME DOWN. WE HAVE WHAT WE CALL SPIKES.  
2 SOMETIMES THESE CASES DO COME DOWN AND WE'RE ABLE TO MANAGE  
3 THEM BUT, IN SOME INSTANCES, THEY'RE NOT. I THINK WE  
4 RECOGNIZED, BACK IN DECEMBER, THAT WE COULD BE-- IT WOULD BE  
5 TO OUR BENEFIT TO LOOK INTO AN ADDITIONAL CONTRACT.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHY WOULDN'T YOU BE CONTRACTING WITH A  
8 PRIVATE CREMATORY SO, WHEN YOU HAD THE PROBLEM, YOU COULD  
9 IMMEDIATELY HAVE THOSE CREMATIONS INSTEAD OF WAITING?

10

11 **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** THERE WAS ACTUALLY A COUNTY CONTRACT FROM  
12 D.H.S., FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, THAT WAS IN  
13 PLAY BUT I BELIEVE IT EXPIRED IN 2004. AND IT'S NOT A CONTRACT  
14 THAT WE UTILIZED, IT WAS A CONTRACT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
15 HEALTH SERVICES...

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHY DON'T YOU HAVE A CONTRACT? I MEAN,  
18 YOU UNDERSTAND THERE'S GOING TO BE AN INVENTORY AND, AGAIN,  
19 YOU KNOW THE TIME FRAME IF YOU'RE DOING A CONTRACT THAT IT'S  
20 NOT AN ONGOING. FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN WE HAVE AN EMERGENCY WITH,  
21 LET'S SAY, A FIRE, WE HAVE A MUTUAL AID COMPACT OR WITH  
22 POLICE, SO WE HAVE ASSISTANCE COMING IN AT THE TIME OF THE  
23 NEED, NOT CONTRACTING SIX MONTHS LATER FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT  
24 TO COME PUT OUT THE FIRE.

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1   **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** YEAH. SUPERVISOR, I WOULD AGREE WITH YOU.  
2   IN LOOKING AT THIS, THE BEST THING WOULD HAVE BEEN TO DO A  
3   CONTRACT EARLIER ON. I AGREE WITH YOU ON THAT.

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5   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IT'S SEEMS LIKE A MANAGEMENT  
6   BREAKDOWN.

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8   **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** I WOULDN'T CALL IT A MANAGEMENT BREAKDOWN  
9   BUT CERTAINLY IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE COULD HAVE MONITORED A  
10  LITTLE CLOSER.

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12  **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WELL, THE CONSTITUENTS DIDN'T BREAK  
13  DOWN. I MEAN...

14

15  **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** NO.

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17  **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOUR MEMO STATES THAT THE LAW REQUIRES  
18  YOU TO DEMONSTRATE DUE DILIGENCE IN SEARCH OF LEGAL NEXT OF  
19  KIN. PERHAPS COUNTY COUNSEL COULD ANSWER THIS AS WELL. WHAT  
20  DOES THE LAW REQUIRE IN TERM OF DUE DILIGENCE? MR. FORTNER?

21

22  **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR., COUNSEL:** MR. MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
23  BOARD, MY STAFF HAS BEEN PUTTING TOGETHER A REPORT, WHICH WE  
24  HAVE FOR YOU, ON THE COUNTY-SPECIFIC OBLIGATION.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** TONY?

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3    **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, WE KNOW FOR A FACT  
4    THAT WE HAD SOME COURT RULING IN THE PAST THAT SPECIFICALLY  
5    MANDATED US TO DO DUE DILIGENCE IN LOOKING FOR THE NEXT OF  
6    KIN, SO THE IDEA BEHIND IT WAS THAT WE SHOULD NOT BE RUSHING  
7    TO CREMATE CASES AND MAKING SURE THAT WE EXPEND EVERY AVENUE  
8    TO FIND OUT WHO THE NEXT OF KIN IS SO THAT WE CAN RECONNECT  
9    THAT PARTICULAR INDIVIDUAL OR THAT DECEDENT BACK WITH A  
10   FAMILY.

11

12   **SUP. BURKE:** MR. CHAIR, MAY I ASK A QUESTION ON THIS ISSUE?

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14   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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16   **SUP. BURKE:** WE SENT TO YOU A COMPLAINT WE RECEIVED FROM--  
17   ACTUALLY FROM A MEMBER OF CONGRESS WHO WAS PASSING ON TO US A  
18   SITUATION WHERE ACTUALLY THIS PERSON HAD BEEN PICKED UP BY THE  
19   PARAMEDS FROM HOME, TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL. WHEN THE PERSON WAS  
20   DECEASED, THE HOSPITAL THEN PASSED THEM ON TO THE CORONER BUT  
21   SOMEHOW THE RECORDS WERE NOT THERE WITHIN THE CORONER IN ORDER  
22   TO IDENTIFY THIS PERSON AND THE FAMILY HAD BEEN LOOKING FOR A  
23   PERIOD OF TIME AND, OBVIOUSLY, IT WENT ON OVER A PERIOD OF  
24   TIME UNTIL FINALLY I BELIEVE THE PERSON WAS CREMATED PRIOR TO  
25   THE TIME THAT THE INFORMATION WAS PASSED ON. AND, IN TERMS OF



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1 DUE DILIGENCE, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT, IF A PERSON IS PICKED UP  
2 FROM HOME, OBVIOUSLY, THAT SHOULD BE PART OF THE HOSPITAL  
3 RECORD AND THAT HOSPITAL RECORD SHOULD GO TO THE CORONER. DO  
4 YOU, IN FACT, GET THAT OR WHERE IS THE BREAKDOWN?

5

6 **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** WE DO GET HOSPITAL RECORDS ROUTINELY BUT  
7 SOMETIMES IT TAKES AWHILE BEFORE WE ACTUALLY GET THEM AND, ON  
8 RARE OCCASIONS, WE DO GET RESISTANCE FROM HOSPITALS OR DOCTORS  
9 TO GIVE US THE REPORTS, EVEN THOUGH IT'S MANDATED BY LAW TO  
10 GIVE THEM TO THE CORONER ONCE WE'VE TAKEN JURISDICTION OF A  
11 CASE. SO I'M NOT TOO FAMILIAR WITH THAT PARTICULAR CASE BUT IT  
12 COULD BE THAT THE MEDICAL RECORDS WERE DELAYED IN GETTING TO  
13 OUR OFFICE BUT WE CAN CERTAINLY LOOK INTO THAT PARTICULAR  
14 CASE.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, I THINK WE'VE SENT IT TO YOU AND WHAT MY  
17 CONCERN IS, IT SEEMS THAT, IF A PERSON IS PICKED UP FROM HOME,  
18 THAT THAT WOULD HAVE TO APPEAR IN THEIR HOSPITAL RECORDS,  
19 WHERE THEY DIDN'T ENTER THROUGH THE EMERGENCY ROOM-- WELL,  
20 THEY DID ENTER THROUGH THE EMERGENCY ROOM BUT WITH THE  
21 PARAMEDICS, AND IT WOULD SEEM THAT SHOULD PASS ONTO YOU, NOT  
22 THAT MONTHS LATER BEFORE YOU GET THE INFORMATION OF WHERE THAT  
23 PERSON WAS PICKED UP. AND THIS WAS FROM CENTINELA HOSPITAL  
24 THAT-- I UNDERSTAND, THAT THE PERSON WAS PICKED UP FROM. SO I  
25 DO THINK THAT YOU NEED TO HAVE-- WHEN YOU PICK UP SOMEONE FROM



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1 A HOSPITAL, THAT THAT HOSPITAL-- YOU SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT YOU  
2 ALSO PICK UP THE HOSPITAL RECORDS AND THE INFORMATION OF WHERE  
3 THAT PERSON CAME IN. NOW, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME VERY FEW  
4 CIRCUMSTANCES THAT THE HOSPITAL WOULD HAVE SOMEONE WHERE THERE  
5 WASN'T ANY INFORMATION. THERE SHOULD BE THE PERSON'S NAME OR  
6 WHERE THEY WERE PICKED UP, THERE SHOULD BE SOME KIND OF  
7 INFORMATION AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS PERSON, IT WASN'T A  
8 MATTER THAT THEY JUST WENT THROUGH VERY FAST, THAT THEY WERE  
9 IN THE HOSPITAL FOR A WHILE.

10

11 **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** YEAH, THE ACTUAL PROCESS WITH RESPECT TO  
12 MEDICAL RECORDS IN A HOSPITAL, WE RARELY, IF EVER, AND I HAVE  
13 MY ASSISTANT HERE, THEY CAN CONFIRM THIS ONE WAY OR THE  
14 ANOTHER, WE RARELY, IF EVER, ACTUALLY GET THE MEDICAL RECORDS  
15 AT THE TIME THAT WE ARRIVE AT THE HOSPITAL. TYPICALLY, THE  
16 MEDICAL RECORDS COME THEREAFTER, ONCE WE'VE ORDERED THEM OR  
17 ASKED FOR THEM, AND THE RECORDS ARRIVE AT A LATER TIME,  
18 TYPICALLY.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, I THINK, AT A MINIMUM, YOU SHOULD AT LEAST  
21 GET THE ADDRESS WHERE THE PERSON LIVES OR WHERE THEY WERE  
22 PICKED UP. IF THE PERSON WAS COMATOSE WHEN THEY CAME IN,  
23 CERTAINLY, THE PARAMEDIC KNOWS EXACTLY WHERE THEY GOT THEM AND  
24 WHERE THEY PICKED THEM UP FROM AND PARTICULARLY IF THEY PICKED  
25 THEM UP FROM A HOME. AND I THINK THAT YOU SHOULD LOOK AT THAT



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1 AND COME UP WITH SOME KIND OF A PROCESS BECAUSE WHAT YOU'RE  
2 SUFFERING FROM ARE PEOPLE THAT APPARENTLY ARE UNIDENTIFIED,  
3 THAT ARE PILING UP, PEOPLE THAT WE UNDERSTAND, I SUSPECT SOME  
4 OF THEM HOMELESS, OTHER PEOPLE THAT ARE FOUND ON THE STREET  
5 FOR OTHER VARIOUS REASONS. GIVEN THE FACT THAT THIS IS PART OF  
6 YOUR PROBLEM, I WOULD THINK THAT YOU WOULD SET UP SOME  
7 MECHANISM THAT YOU HAVE A MINIMUM INFORMATION THAT WOULD  
8 PREVENT YOU FROM HAVING TO KEEP SOMEONE FOR A LONG PERIOD OF  
9 TIME.

10

11 **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** SUPERVISOR, AND I WAS JUST ADVISED THAT, AT  
12 CERTAIN TIMES, WE DO RECEIVE THAT INFORMATION AND, AT TIMES,  
13 IT MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE, DEPENDING ON WHAT HAPPENS TO REPORTS.  
14 AND I THINK A LOT OF IT HAS TO DO WITH THE FACT THAT YOU'VE  
15 GOT DIFFERENT AGENCIES DOING DIFFERENT THINGS. PARAMEDICS, FOR  
16 EXAMPLE, RESPONDING TO THE HOME, WHETHER THAT REPORT GETS  
17 FILED WITH THE HOSPITAL AND WHETHER IT GETS SENT TO THE  
18 CORONER ON A TIMELY BASIS COULD BE AN ISSUE AS WELL.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, I THINK WE NEED TO LOOK AT THAT.

21

22 **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** WE CERTAINLY WILL, SUPERVISOR.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT IS YOUR INTERPRETATION OF THE DUE  
25 DILIGENCE?



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2 **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** OUR INTERPRETATION OF THE DUE DILIGENCE IS  
3 BASED ON A RULING BY A JUDGE THAT SAID WE HAD TO EXPEND AT  
4 LEAST 30 DAYS TO FIND NEXT OF KIN, NO LESS THAN 30 DAYS.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE BODIES ARE  
7 ACTUALLY CREMATED ONCE THAT THRESHOLD IS REACHED VERSUS GOING  
8 BEYOND THAT THRESHOLD?

9

10 **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** MOST BODIES WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE CREMATED  
11 WITHIN THAT 30%-- WITHIN THAT 30-DAY RANGE AND THE REASON FOR  
12 THAT IS BECAUSE, AFTER YOU CONDUCT THE DUE DILIGENCE ON THE  
13 IDENTIFICATION, THEN YOU HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE ASPECT OF  
14 NOTIFICATION OF FAMILY, CONTACTING THE FAMILY.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO THE COURT GIVES YOU 30 DAYS BUT  
17 YOU'RE ARBITRARILY EXTENDING THAT?

18

19 **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** WELL, WE'RE NOT ARBITRARILY EXTENDING IT.  
20 WE'RE DOING IT BECAUSE THE LAW ALSO MANDATES US TO NOT ONLY  
21 IDENTIFY A CASE BUT IT ALSO MANDATES US TO CONTACT NEXT OF KIN  
22 AS WELL.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BUT THEY ALSO GIVE YOU A TIME FRAME OF  
25 30 DAYS, RIGHT?





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2 **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** YES. ON THE NOTIFICATION OF NEXT OF KIN?  
3 NO. THEY...

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ON DUE DILIGENCE.

6

7 **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** ON DUE DILIGENCE, IT'S 30 DAYS.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WOULD NEXT OF KIN BE PART OF THAT DUE  
10 DILIGENCE?

11

12 **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** COULD YOU REPEAT YOUR QUESTION, SUPERVISOR?

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WELL, WHEN YOU SAY THE COURT'S RULING  
15 WAS THAT THERE HAD TO BE A 30 DAY OF DUE DILIGENCE...

16

17 **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** YEAH, I THINK IT WAS A 30 MINIMUM RULING AS  
18 WELL.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. AND MY QUESTION TO YOU IS, HOW  
21 DO YOU INTERPRET THAT?

22

23 **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** THIS PARTICULAR RULING HAD TO DO WITH  
24 IDENTIFICATION ONLY. THE IDEA THAT THE CORONER WAS TOO HASTY



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1 IN CREMATING THIS PARTICULAR CASE AND WHAT THEY WANTED US TO  
2 DO IS TO ENSURE THAT NO CASE WOULD BE...

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO, THEN, WHAT IS THE LENGTH OF TIME  
5 THAT YOU HOLD A BODY BEFORE CREMATION? WHAT IS YOUR POLICY?

6

7 **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** THE ACTUAL TIME THAT WE HOLD THE CASES IS  
8 DRIVEN PRIMARILY BY AN INVESTIGATION. THE INVESTIGATION  
9 INVOLVES SEVERAL THINGS. OF COURSE, DETERMINING CAUSE AND  
10 MANNER OF DEATH. OBVIOUSLY, IDENTIFYING THE NEXT-- IDENTIFYING  
11 THE DECEDENT, IDENTIFYING THE NEXT OF KIN, MAKING CONTACT WITH  
12 THE NEXT OF KIN. WE COULD HAVE NEXT OF KIN THAT ARE IN GUAM,  
13 WE'VE DEALT WITH THOSE, NEW ENGLAND, MEXICO, CHINA.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THEY COME FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD, I  
16 UNDERSTAND.

17

18 **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** ALL OVER THE WORLD. ALL OVER THE WORLD.  
19 IT'S A VERY CUMBERSOME PROCESS, AND IT DOES TAKE TIME TO MAKE  
20 SURE THAT WE'VE COVERED ALL THE STEPS BEFORE SENDING THIS  
21 PERSON TO CREMATION BECAUSE THE ONE THING THAT WE ALWAYS FIND  
22 WITH FAMILIES IS THAT THEY DEFINITELY WANT TO HAVE THE  
23 OPPORTUNITY TO SAY WHETHER THEY WANT THAT BODY REPATRIATED  
24 BACK WITH THEM.

25



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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ONCE YOU ATTAIN THOSE 80 TO 90 BODIES  
2    ARE BEING CREMATED, WILL YOU BE AT OR NEAR CAPACITY?

3

4    **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** WITH RESPECT TO OVERALL BODY STORAGE?

5

6    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES.

7

8    **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** WITH RESPECT TO CREMATING BODIES, HERE'S...

9

10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO, NO, THE 80 OR 90 THAT YOU HAVE  
11   RIGHT NOW THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE CREMATING.

12

13   **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** YES, WE'LL BE CLOSE TO THAT, YES.

14

15   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO YOU'LL BE CLOSE TO CAPACITY. ONCE  
16   YOU'VE SENT A LETTER AND NOTIFIED THE NEXT OF KIN, HOW LONG DO  
17   YOU WAIT TO CREMATE AND DOES YOUR LETTER GIVE THEM A TIME  
18   FRAME IN WHICH TO CONTACT YOU?

19

20   **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** WE GIVE THE INDIVIDUALS TO WHOM WE SEND A  
21   LETTER A 10-DAY TURNAROUND TIME TO...

22

23   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** 10 DAY TURNAROUND. AND YOU SEND A  
24   CERTIFIED LETTER?

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1   **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** IT'S A CERTIFIED LETTER, AND IT ALSO SAYS  
2   YOU HAVE 10 DAYS TO RESPOND AND IT INDICATES THAT, IF WE DON'T  
3   HEAR FROM YOU, THAT WE WILL BE SENDING THE BODY TO CREMATION.

4  
5   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THEN HOW LONG DO YOU SEND THE BODY  
6   TO CREMATION AFTER THAT 10-DAY LAPSE?

7  
8   **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** IT'S TYPICALLY A TIME FRAME THAT LASTS  
9   ABOUT TWO MONTHS AND THE REASON FOR THAT IS YOU ALWAYS HAVE  
10   TO, NUMBER ONE, THERE'S SEVERAL FACTORS INVOLVED IN THAT.  
11   YOU'RE WAITING FOR A RESPONSE BACK FROM THE FAMILY, NUMBER  
12   ONE, AND, NUMBER TWO, YOU'RE WAITING FOR A SCHEDULING TIME  
13   FROM THE MORTUARY, THAT-- WHEN I SAY THE MORTUARY IN THIS  
14   CASE, THE U.S.C. MORTUARY, TO SEE IF THEY'RE GOING TO ACCEPT  
15   THE CASE FOR COUNTY CREMATION.

16  
17   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BUT IF YOU HAD ALREADY CONTRACTED WITH  
18   A CREMATORY, YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE A PROTOCOL THAT WOULD  
19   MOVE RAPIDLY INSTEAD OF THESE TIME LAGS THAT TAKE PLACE. IT  
20   SEEMS LIKE YOU BUILT IN PART OF THE DELAYS.

21  
22   **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** WELL, THERE'S-- WE AGREE WITH THAT BECAUSE  
23   WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS TO TRY TO STAY AWAY FROM USING THE  
24   COUNTY CREMATION AS A SOLE SOURCE FOR DOING CREMATIONS AND SO,  
25   WITH RESPECT TO HAVING A COUNTY CREMATION, A CONTRACTUAL



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1 ARRANGEMENT OR AGREEMENT, THIS WILL GIVE US THE SAFETY VALVE  
2 THAT WE WOULD NEED TO HANDLE THE EXTRA CASELOAD.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BUT YOU'RE TELLING ME THERE'S A 30  
5 DAYS FOR DUE DILIGENCE, THEN YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT WE SEND A  
6 LETTER AFTER THAT WITH A 10-DAY TURNAROUND TIME FRAME, THEN  
7 YOU'RE SAYING WHEN THEY DON'T REPLY, YOU GIVE THEM ANOTHER  
8 EIGHT WEEKS MINIMUM.

9

10 **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** WE DON'T GIVE THEM ANOTHER EIGHT WEEKS...

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU SAID TWO MONTHS.

13

14 **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** YEAH. IF I CAN MAKE THAT MORE CLEAR, WHAT  
15 THE TWO MONTHS INVOLVES THE ACTUAL SCHEDULING OF THE CASE FOR  
16 CREMATION.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BUT IF YOU HAD YOUR CONTRACT IN PLACE  
19 AS AN ONGOING CONTRACT, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE AN EIGHT-WEEK DELAY.

20

21 **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND, AGAIN, THAT'S A MANAGEMENT  
24 DECISION.

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1   **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** THAT IS A MANAGEMENT DECISION.

2

3   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND YOU HAVE RESOURCES TO MEET THAT  
4   NEED BECAUSE YOU HAVE THE MONEY IN PLACE FOR THAT CONTRACT.

5

6   **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** WE DON'T HAVE MONEY IN PLACE...

7

8   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WELL, YOU HAD TO HAVE THE MONEY IN  
9   PLACE BECAUSE YOU SAID YOU WENT OUT IN DECEMBER FOR THE  
10   CONTRACT.

11

12   **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** WELL, THAT BE DOESN'T NECESSARILY GUARANTEE  
13   THAT WE HAD THE MONEY IN PLACE BUT WE DID GO OUT IN  
14   DECEMBER...

15

16   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BUT YOU HAD THE RESOURCES TO PAY FOR  
17   THE CONTRACT. THAT MEANS YOU HAVE THE MONEY IN PLACE BECAUSE  
18   YOU WOULDN'T CONTRACT AND NOT HAVE RESOURCES TO PAY FOR THE  
19   CONTRACT.

20

21   **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, WE ARE ACTUALLY ASKING  
22   FOR THAT ADDITIONAL RESOURCE IN OUR ADDITIONAL NEEDS LETTER  
23   THAT WE SENT TO YOU. WE DON'T HAVE IT IN THE BUDGET AS WE  
24   SPEAK TODAY.

25



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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HOW WOULD YOU PAY FOR THEM IF YOU  
2    DIDN'T HAVE THE CONTRACT?

3

4    **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** WE WOULD ASK SUPPORT FROM THE C.A.O. TO DO  
5    EXACTLY THAT.

6

7    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WELL, OF COURSE, AND THE RESOURCES ARE  
8    AVAILABLE. THE POINT IS, YOU KNEW THE RESOURCES WERE THERE. I  
9    UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'VE NOW INCREASED STORAGE CAPACITY FOR  
10   ANOTHER 25 BODIES AND HAVE ROOM FOR AN ADDITIONAL 25 BUT ARE  
11   ASSESSING WHETHER YOU NEED IT OR NOT. IS THIS BECAUSE YOU NOW  
12   BELIEVE YOU HAVE ADEQUATE SPACE?

13

14   **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** THE ADDITION OF AN ADDITIONAL REFRIGERATED  
15   STORAGE SPACE WAS TO ALLEVIATE THE MAJORITY OF THE CONGESTION  
16   THAT WAS OCCURRING IN THE MAIN CRYPTS BECAUSE THIS WAS CAUSING  
17   SO MUCH CONGESTION THAT THE INDIVIDUALS, THE EMPLOYEES WERE  
18   REALLY HAVE TO WORK HARD IN THIS PARTICULAR AREA, HAD VERY,  
19   VERY MUCH DIFFICULTY ACCESSING THE CASES THAT THEY NEEDED TO  
20   WORK WITH.

21

22   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WITH RESPECT TO THE MAGGOTS, CAN YOU  
23   EXPLAIN THE STEPS YOU'VE TAKEN TO CONTAIN THEM ONCE THEY  
24   ENTERED THE FACILITY?

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1   **DR. L. SATHYAVAGISWARAN, CORONER:** I CAN DISCUSS THAT,  
2   SUPERVISOR. I'M DR. LAKSHMANAN, CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER,  
3   CORONER. RESPECTED SUPERVISORS, WE IN THE CORONER'S OFFICE TRY  
4   TO PROVIDE A QUALITY WORK PRODUCT AND DEATH INVESTIGATION FOR  
5   THE CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTY. AND THE CORONER TAKES CUSTODY OF  
6   HUMAN REMAINS AT VARIOUS POSTMORTEM INTERVALS. IN SOME CASES,  
7   THE SCENE CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT OVI POSITION BY FLIES, LEADING  
8   TO MAGGOT FORMATION AND TISSUE CONSUMPTION. THIS OCCUR PRIOR  
9   TO CORONER INVOLVEMENT. WELL REFRIGERATED CONDITIONS IN OUR  
10   OFFICE, OTHER PREVENTIVE MEASURES, INCLUDING BUG ZAPPERS,  
11   PREVENT FLY OVI POSITION AND MAGGOTS ONCE THE REMAINS ARE  
12   BROUGHT TO OUR FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER. I DISAGREE WITH THE  
13   STATEMENT THAT THERE IS AN INFESTATION, THAT'S A WRONG  
14   STATEMENT. THAT DOES NOT OCCUR IN OUR OFFICE. THE BODIES COME  
15   WITH THE MAGGOTS.

16

17   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THERE'S NO INTERNAL INFESTATION, THEY  
18   COME AS A RESULT OF THE BODY WHICH HAS BEEN OUT IN ELEMENTS  
19   FOR A PERIOD OF TIME?

20

21   **DR. L. SATHYAVAGISWARAN, CORONER:** THAT IS CORRECT, SUPERVISOR.  
22   I JUST WANTED TO CLEAR THAT ISSUE AND WE CLOSELY MONITOR OUR  
23   REFRIGERATION COOLING TEMPERATURES TO MAINTAIN THE ADEQUATE  
24   COOLING WE NEED TO PRESERVE THE BODIES IN THE CONDITION WE  
25   RECEIVE. ONCE DECOMPOSITION STARTS, WE CANNOT STOP THE



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1    PROCESS, WE CAN SLOW THE PROCESS. I JUST WANT TO EMPHASIZE  
2    THAT. THE OTHER THING WHICH-- I WANTED TO MAKE ONE MORE POINT,  
3    IF I MAY BE ALLOWED TO DO THAT. THIS OTHER ISSUE WHICH WAS  
4    BROUGHT UP IN THE MEDIA ABOUT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE  
5    EMPLOYEES. THE DEPARTMENT OF CORONER WORKS VERY HARD TO  
6    PROVIDE OUR EMPLOYEES TO WORK IN A RISK-FREE ENVIRONMENT. WE  
7    PROVIDE THEM THE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT THEY NEED TO  
8    CARRY OUT THE DUTIES IN A SAFE MANNER. WE HAD A PROBLEM WITH A  
9    HVAC SYSTEM A FEW YEARS AGO. THIS HAS BEEN CHECKED AND ALL  
10    REPAIRS WHICH WERE RECOMMENDED HAVE BEEN DONE AND IT'S A SAFE  
11    ENVIRONMENT TO WORK. I KNOW IT'S A DIFFICULT ENVIRONMENT TO  
12    WORK BECAUSE OF THE CASELOAD, WHICH WE HAVE NO CONTROL OVER.  
13    WE HAVE A HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE, WHICH I PERSONALLY  
14    CHAIR, ALONG WITH A HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICER AND EMPLOYEES  
15    FROM EVERY DIVISION OF THE OFFICE IS ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE  
16    AND PRESENT THEIR CONCERNS AND THE MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE AND  
17    WE ADDRESS THEM. AND SOME OF THE EMPLOYEES WHO WENT TO THE  
18    MEDIA AND SAID THERE WERE HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES, THEY ARE  
19    WRONG BECAUSE THEY'RE THE EMPLOYEES-- SOME OF THEM ARE IN THE  
20    COMMITTEE AND I DISAGREE WITH THEM BECAUSE ALL THEIR CONCERNS  
21    HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED, BUT I AGREE THAT THE CONDITIONS WE WORK  
22    UNDER ARE CROWDED AND WE WORK HARD BUT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY  
23    IS NOT COMPROMISED, AND...  
24



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ASK, WOULD HAVING THE CLEANING  
2   SERVICE COME OUT MORE THAN ONCE A DAY HELP OR WOULD IT DISRUPT  
3   THE OPERATIONS?

4

5   **DR. L. SATHYAVAGISWARAN, CORONER:** PARDON, SUPERVISOR. I DIDN'T  
6   FOLLOW, I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T HEAR YOU PROPERLY.

7

8   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WOULD HAVING THE CLEANING SERVICE COME  
9   OUT MORE THAN ONCE A DAY, WOULD THAT HELP OR WOULD THAT  
10  DISRUPT THE...

11

12  **DR. L. SATHYAVAGISWARAN, CORONER:** DEFINITELY HAVING THEM MORE  
13  THAN ONCE A DAY WILL HELP BECAUSE, IN OUR OFFICE, SOME OF THE  
14  EMPLOYEES DO DIFFERENT FUNCTIONS. WE HAVE THE CONTRACT NOW,  
15  THEY COME IN THE EVENING TIME BUT THE ONLY PROBLEM WITH THAT,  
16  SUPERVISOR, IS, DURING THE DAY, WE HAVE WORK GOING ON AND IT'S  
17  DIFFICULT TO CLEAN WHEN YOU'RE DOING EXAMINATIONS AND OTHER  
18  ACTIVE PROCESSES OF THE DEPARTMENT. SO THAT IS WHY THE  
19  CLEANING CREW COMES IN AT AROUND 2:30 TO 3:00 AND IT GOES ON  
20  UNTIL MIDNIGHT, DEPENDING ON THE WORKLOAD. AND THAT IS ANOTHER  
21  THING THAT WE HAVE DONE FOR THE EMPLOYEES AND THANKS TO THE  
22  SUPPORT OF THE SUPERVISORS AND THE C.A.O., WE HAVE A \_\_\_\_\_  
23  CLEANING CONTRACT AND THAT HELPS THE MORALE OF THE EMPLOYEES.

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25  **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO ONCE A DAY IS OKAY?



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2 **DR. L. SATHYAVAGISWARAN, CORONER:** ONCE A DAY IS WHAT IS  
3 FEASIBLE WITH OUR WORKLOAD BUT, TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, IT  
4 WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE SOMEBODY THERE ALWAYS TO HELP CLEAN AND  
5 WE DO HAVE SOME FACILITY SERVICE WORKERS HELP WITH THE  
6 CLEANING OF THE NON-AUTOPSY AREAS, THE REST OF THE DEPARTMENT,  
7 BUT NOT AUTOPSY AREAS. AND THIS BRINGS UP ONE POINT WHICH I  
8 WANTED TO MENTION, WHEN I WAS APPOINTED IN '92, AT THAT TIME,  
9 WE WERE UNDERSTAFFED, UNDER BUDGETED AND, OVER THE YEARS, THE  
10 SUPERVISORS AND THE C.A.O. HAVE AUGMENTED OUR BUDGET AND WE  
11 HAVE ADEQUATE STAFF TO SUPPORT ONE SHIFT IN OUR OFFICE BUT, AS  
12 A STRATEGIC PLAN, ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WE HAVE IS HIRING OF  
13 FORENSIC PROFESSIONALS. WE HAVE TO TRAIN THEM AND KEEP THEM  
14 AND IT'S NOT EASY TO JUST GET THEM FROM OUTSIDE OUR OFFICE  
15 RESOURCE BECAUSE OF THE COST OF HOUSING AND OTHER FACTORS IN  
16 THE LOS ANGELES AREA. SO ONE OF THE STRATEGIC PLANS OF THE  
17 DEPARTMENT, WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE C.A.O. AND THE BOARD,  
18 WHICH I WANT TO DO IS TO TRY AND GET STAFFING AUGMENTATION  
19 OVER THE NEXT FIVE TO 10 YEARS TO SUPPORT A SECOND SHIFT,  
20 WHICH WILL ALSO HELP WITH THE CASE HANDLING. AS TONY SAID,  
21 THEY'RE NOT ABLE TO HANDLE THE ENTIRE CASELOAD...

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IT'S MORE OF A MANAGEMENT...

24



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1 **DR. L. SATHYAVAGISWARAN, CORONER:** YES. SO I JUST WANTED TO  
2 BRING UP THESE POINTS, ESPECIALLY ON HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES,  
3 THE MAGGOT INFESTATION, WHICH IS NOT CORRECT, AND ALL THE  
4 EFFORTS WE DO FOR OUR EMPLOYEES BUT, AGAIN, TO EMPHASIS THE  
5 EMPLOYEE POINT OF VIEW, IT IS A DIFFICULT CONDITIONS TO WORK  
6 UNDER, IT'S A CROWDED ENVIRONMENT BUT I'M VERY PROUD OF ALL  
7 THE 200 EMPLOYEES WHO WORK IN THE DEPARTMENT, WHO WORK VERY  
8 HARD TO GET THE JOB DONE.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. JANSSEN, I KNOW THAT WE'VE SET  
11 ASIDE ABOUT \$20 MILLION FOR A CAP PROJECT FOR THE CORONER'S.  
12 IS A NEW FACILITY NEEDED OR HOW DO YOU PROPOSE THAT THESE  
13 FUNDS BE USED?

14

15 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MR. MAYOR, THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT THE  
16 CORONER NEEDS A NEW FACILITY HAS BEEN ONE THAT WE'VE BEEN  
17 HAVING FOR QUITE SOME TIME. YOU ACTUALLY HAVE AN ITEM ON YOUR  
18 AGENDA NEXT WEEK TO DO A STUDY AGAIN OF A NEW BUILDING. WE DO  
19 NOT BELIEVE THAT THE CORONER NEEDS A NEW BUILDING. WE BELIEVE  
20 THAT WE SHOULD SPEND THE \$21 MILLION, AND PROBABLY A LITTLE  
21 MORE, TO REFURBISH WHAT WE HAVE NOW, MAYBE ADD SOME CRYPT  
22 SPACE, WHICH WE THINK WE CAN DO FOR-- WE CAN DOUBLE THE SPACE  
23 FOR ABOUT \$2.5 MILLION. A NEW BUILDING'S GOING TO BE \$90  
24 MILLION, SO WE DON'T SUPPORT A NEW BUILDING AND HAVEN'T.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND YOU'LL REPORT BACK IN, WHAT, TWO  
2   WEEKS?

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4   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE'LL REPORT-- WHAT I WOULD SUGGEST, SINCE  
5   THERE'S AN ITEM NEXT WEEK, THAT WE CONTINUE THAT AND THIS  
6   DISCUSSION TO BUDGET DELIBERATIONS. THE CORONER HAS ALSO...

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8   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. AND THAT'S IN JUNE, RIGHT?

9

10   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THAT'S IN JUNE. THAT'S JUST NEXT MONTH.

11

12   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** COULD WE ALSO-- I'D LIKE TO MOVE ALSO  
13   THAT THE CORONER AND COUNTY COUNSEL PREPARE A POLICY ON WHAT  
14   CONSTITUTES DUE DILIGENCE AND REPORT BACK AT THAT SAME TIME OR  
15   BEFORE, IF IT'S DONE BEFORE. SUPERVISOR BURKE?

16

17   **SUP. BURKE:** PUT ME ON THE LIST. YES. ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT  
18   WAS RAISED ARE THE NUMBER OF BODIES IN THE HALL. ARE THERE  
19   STILL PEOPLE-- ARE THERE STILL BODIES THAT ARE BEING  
20   MAINTAINED IN THE HALLWAYS, AS WAS SHOWN, AND WE'VE SEEN?

21

22   **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** YES, SUPERVISOR. THE REASON FOR THAT IS  
23   THAT YOU HAVE A CROWDING OF THE CRYPTS, OBVIOUSLY.

24

25   **SUP. BURKE:** ABOUT HOW MANY BODIES ARE IN THE HALL?



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2 **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** AT ANY ONE GIVEN TIME DURING THE PEAK  
3 WORKLOAD PERIODS, YOU CAN HAVE SOMEWHERE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD  
4 OF ABOUT 12 TO 15 CASES IN THE-- ACTUALLY, IN THE HALLWAYS AND  
5 THEY'RE PLACED THERE PRIMARILY TO FREE UP SPACE SO THAT THE  
6 EMPLOYEES CAN ACTUALLY ACCESS THE CASES THAT THEY'RE GOING TO  
7 BE WORKING ON.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** NOW, IS THE TEMPERATURE IN THE HALLWAY, IS THAT  
10 ADEQUATE TO MAINTAIN QUALITY OF THE CASE?

11

12 **DR. L. SATHYAVAGISWARAN, CORONER:** NO, SUPERVISOR. THE  
13 REFRIGERATED CONDITIONS ARE REQUIRED BUT WE TRY TO HAVE THE  
14 BODIES IN THE NON-REFRIGERATED AREA AS SHORT A TIME AS  
15 POSSIBLE BUT-- AND THAT IS IMPORTANT.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** NOW MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT IT'S NECESSARY TO  
18 KEEP THE BODIES AT ABOUT 40 DEGREES, IS THAT CORRECT?

19

20 **DR. L. SATHYAVAGISWARAN, CORONER:** THAT'S 40 DEGREES  
21 FAHRENHEIT, YES.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** 40 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT AND, IN THE HALLWAY, IT'S  
24 ABOUT WHAT?

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1 **DR. L. SATHYAVAGISWARAN, CORONER:** USUALLY ABOUT AIR  
2 CONDITIONED TEMPERATURE, 70 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** WHAT IS YOUR PLAN TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE?

5

6 **DR. L. SATHYAVAGISWARAN, CORONER:** WHAT ISSUE, SUPERVISOR?

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** THE BODIES IN THE HALL.

9

10 **DR. L. SATHYAVAGISWARAN, CORONER:** THE HALLWAY ISSUE IS  
11 SOMETHING THAT-- DEPENDING ON-- SEE, THE...

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** BECAUSE APPARENTLY-- I WOULD GATHER THAT, IF  
14 THEY'RE NOT KEPT AT THE LEVEL OF DEGREES OR AT THE COLDNESS  
15 THAT IS NECESSARY, I WONDER IF THAT DOESN'T HAVE SOME IMPACT  
16 IN TERMS OF QUALITY OF YOUR WORK WHEN THOSE BODIES ARE BROUGHT  
17 IN FOR ACTUALLY TO BE WORKED ON.

18

19 **DR. L. SATHYAVAGISWARAN, CORONER:** AS I TOLD EARLIER, THE GOAL  
20 IS TO KEEP THE BODIES, AS SOON AS THEY COME AFTER THE INITIAL  
21 PROCESSING IN A REFRIGERATED ENVIRONMENT BUT THE SETUP OF THE  
22 OFFICE IS SUCH THAT THE BODIES HAVE TO BE BROUGHT OUT FOR  
23 EVIDENCE COLLECTION-- I MEAN, EVIDENCE IS COLLECTED BEFORE  
24 THEY'RE PLACED IN THE CRYPTS. WE DO OUR FINGERPRINTING, WE DO  
25 OUR PHOTOGRAPHY, WE COLLECT EXEMPLARS FROM THE HEAD AND NAILS



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1 AS THE CASE REQUIRES AND THEN THEY ARE PLACED IN THE CRYPTS.  
2 AND THEN, THE DAY OF THE AUTOPSY, AN EXAMINATION OF THE BODY,  
3 HAVE TO BE BROUGHT OUT TO THE HALLWAYS AND THE EXAMINATION AND  
4 AUTOPSY PROCEDURES TAKE PLACE AND THOSE CASES WHICH REQUIRE X-  
5 RAYS AND PHOTOGRAPHS, THAT ALSO TAKES PLACE. THE GOAL IS TO  
6 KEEP THE BODIES AS MINIMUM TIME AS POSSIBLE IN THE HALLWAYS  
7 BUT, WHEN YOU HAVE A BUSY CASELOAD, SOMETIMES IT MAY BE A  
8 LITTLE LONGER BUT WE TRY OUR BEST NOT TO HAVE THE BODIES IN  
9 THE HALLWAY AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. AND, WHENEVER I GO DOWN AND I  
10 SEE THINGS, I TELL THEM TO PUT IT IN THE REFRIGERATOR AND THAT  
11 IS THE GOAL OF THE DEPARTMENT AND THAT IS THE DIRECTIVE WE  
12 HAVE.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, WOULDN'T IT BE ADVISABLE, WHEN YOU'RE  
15 LOOKING AT REHAB OF THE FACILITY, TO PROVIDE FOR SOME PLACE  
16 WITHIN THE NORMAL DEGREES AND THE REQUIRED DEGREES FOR HOLDING  
17 PRIOR TO MOVING IN TO ACTUALLY WORK ON IT?

18

19 **DR. L. SATHYAVAGISWARAN, CORONER:** WE DO HAVE AN AREA WHERE WE  
20 WORK BUT IT'S THE AIR CONDITIONED ENVIRONMENT WHERE WE WORK ON  
21 THE BODIES, WE DON'T WORK IN THE REFRIGERATED AREA.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, THAT'S ANOTHER THING I'D LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT  
24 IS THAT-- IT JUST DOESN'T SOUND GOOD WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT 12 TO  
25 15 BODIES THAT ARE BEING LEFT IN THE HALLWAY. AND IF YOU'RE



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1 TALKING ABOUT HAVING THE FACILITY RECONFIGURED OR A NEW  
2 BUILDING OR SOMETHING...

3

4 **DR. L. SATHYAVAGISWARAN, CORONER:** LET ME CLARIFY SOMETHING,  
5 SUPERVISOR. IN OUR OFFICE, WE HAVE CASES WHICH HAVE BEEN  
6 EXAMINED AND THE CASES WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN EXAMINED. MY-- THE  
7 FOCUS SHOULD BE ON BOTH CASES, BECAUSE THE CASES TO BE  
8 EXAMINED, WE NEED TO PRESERVE THEM, TO GIVE THEM IN AN IDEAL  
9 CONDITION TO THE FAMILY, THEIR LOVED ONES. THE UNEXAMINED  
10 CASES, WE NEED TO PRESERVE THEM SO THAT WE CAN DO A QUALITY  
11 AUTOPSY, TOXICOLOGY, HISTOLOGY AND GIVE A CORRECT CAUSE AND  
12 MANNER OF DEATH. AND WE TRY HARD FOR THAT AND-- BUT, DURING  
13 THE RECENT CROWDING AND OTHER ISSUES, SOMETIMES THE BODIES  
14 HAVE BEEN PUT IN THE HALLWAY SO THAT A CASE CAN BE REMOVED FOR  
15 EXAMINATION OR CASE CAN BE REMOVED FOR BODY RELEASE, WHATEVER  
16 THE FUNCTION THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE BECAUSE OF THE CONGESTED  
17 CRYPT AREA. THAT IS THE FACT AS IT STANDS RIGHT NOW.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, WHAT I'M SUGGESTING IS THAT, KNOWING THAT WE  
20 MAY FACE ANY KIND OF THING, WE CAN HAVE DISASTERS IN LOS  
21 ANGELES. WE CAN HAVE, YOU KNOW, WEEKENDS WHERE WE HAVE  
22 DISPROPORTIONATE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS OR OTHER THINGS, THAT IT  
23 MIGHT BE ONE OF THE THINGS YOU WOULD LOOK AT IN TERMS OF  
24 PLANNING TO HAVE A SITUATION WHERE YOU DON'T EVER HAVE TO HAVE  
25 PEOPLE OUT IN THE HALLWAY, WHERE THE TEMPERATURE IS NOT WHAT



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1 IS THE DESIRED 40 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT. THAT'S ALL THAT I'M  
2 SUGGESTING. NOW, I HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION. HOW MANY PEOPLE DO  
3 YOU HAVE WORKING ON IDENTIFYING AND FINDING HEIRS OR FINDING  
4 RELATIVES?

5

6 **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** I'LL LET MR. HARVEY HANDLE THAT QUESTION.  
7 HE CAN GIVE YOU THE SPECIFICS ON THAT.

8

9 **CRAIG HARVEY:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, MY NAME IS CRAIG HARVEY, I'M  
10 THE OPERATIONS CHIEF FOR THE CORONER'S OFFICE. CURRENTLY, I  
11 HAVE THREE INVESTIGATORS, ONE OF WHICH IS ON MEDICAL LEAVE  
12 RIGHT NOW, AND THREE SUPPORT STAFF CONSISTING OF A  
13 INTERMEDIATE CLERK AND TWO STUDENT WORKERS THAT WORK ON  
14 SEARCHING FOR NEXT OF KIN AND ESTABLISHING IDENTIFICATION.  
15 EACH INVESTIGATOR OF THE 39 INVESTIGATORS IS RESPONSIBLE TO  
16 INITIATE THE EFFORTS TO POSITIVELY IDENTIFY THE DECEDENT AND  
17 TO LOCATE AND NOTIFY THE NEXT OF KIN. THE MAJORITY OF OUR  
18 CASES ARE DONE IN THAT FASHION. THE SPECIALIZED UNIT, THEIR  
19 PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY IS TO CONTINUE WHERE THE INVESTIGATOR  
20 WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL, TO CONTINUE THAT PROCESS TO SEE IF THEY  
21 CAN EITHER IDENTIFY THE BODY OR TO LOCATE THE NEXT OF KIN IF  
22 THAT'S THE ISSUE OF THAT PARTICULAR CASE.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** DO YOU FEEL THAT YOU HAVE THE ADEQUATE STAFF TO BE  
25 ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD THIS IN A TIMELY MANNER, TAKING INTO



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1 CONSIDERATION THE TIME FRAME THAT YOU'VE ESTABLISHED? FIRST OF  
2 ALL, 10 DAYS FOR A RESPONSE BACK OF THE LETTER AND THEN TWO  
3 MONTHS TO MAKE A DETERMINATION OF HOW THERE WILL BE FINAL  
4 DISPOSITION.

5

6 **CRAIG HARVEY:** I THINK THE STAFFING-- THE STAFFING WE HAVE  
7 RIGHT NOW COULD BE IMPROVED BUT WE'RE ABLE TO MAKE DUE. OUR  
8 FOCUS AT THIS POINT IS TO REDUCE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES,  
9 TO RECONSIDER OUR PHILOSOPHY OF LONGSTANDING THAT WE MAINTAIN  
10 BODIES AT THE LONGEST WE HAVE TO TO RETURN A BODY BACK TO A  
11 FAMILY. TRYING TO FIND FAMILIES IS VERY DIFFICULT AND IT SEEMS  
12 TO BE GETTING HARDER AND HARDER AS TIME GOES ON AND THE  
13 RETENTION OF A BODY IS DRIVEN BY THE INVESTIGATION THAT'S  
14 BEING DONE AND SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO SEND A LETTER OUT BECAUSE  
15 YOU CAN'T GET A PHONE NUMBER FOR SOMEBODY.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** I UNDERSTAND THAT.

18

19 **CRAIG HARVEY:** YOU HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE LETTER TO COME BACK  
20 FROM THE POST OFFICE EITHER UNDELIVERABLE OR WITH A FORWARDING  
21 ORDER OR NO FORWARDING ORDER OR WHATEVER AND SO IT'S A  
22 CONSTANT PROCESS. AS YOU LOOK AT A CASE, YOU GET A RESULT  
23 BACK. YOU THEN PURSUE THAT NEW RESULT TO ITS LOGICAL END. AND  
24 IT'S OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT DUE DILIGENCE IS WE HAVE TO RUN



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1 OUT EVERY LEAD TO ITS LOGICAL CONCLUSION BEFORE WE MAKE THAT  
2 FATEFUL DECISION OF SENDING A BODY TO CREMATION.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** I REALLY THINK THAT THE HOSPITAL SHOULD BE ONE OF  
5 THOSE UNDER A 10-DAY LIMIT IN ORDER TO GET THE INFORMATION  
6 FROM THE HOSPITAL BECAUSE, IN MANY INSTANCES, THAT'S, OF  
7 COURSE, WHERE A PERSON GOES BEFORE THEY COME TO YOU. I  
8 UNDERSTAND THAT A LOT OF THE PEOPLE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT COME  
9 THROUGH ACCIDENTS ON THE STREET OR WHERE THERE'S NO  
10 IDENTIFIABLE PLACE WHERE THE PERSON CAN BE TRACED TO BUT I  
11 THINK THE HOSPITAL SHOULD BE ONE OF THOSE. I HAVE JUST ONE  
12 COMMENT. YOU KNOW, SOMETIMES CONTRACT CLEANERS, GETTING BACK  
13 TO THIS IDEA THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IT CLEANER BUT OUR  
14 CONTRACT CLEANER COMES IN AT 2:30 AND LEAVES AT A CERTAIN  
15 TIME. YOU KNOW, SOMETIMES CONTRACT JANITORIAL SERVICES ARE  
16 APPROPRIATE BUT THERE ARE OTHER PLACES THAT MAYBE YOU'RE  
17 BETTER TO HAVE IN-HOUSE PEOPLE DOING SOME OF THIS AND I  
18 CERTAINLY WANT TO GET SOME READING OF WHETHER OR NOT THIS IS  
19 THE APPROPRIATE PLACE OF WHERE YOU SHOULD HAVE A CONTRACTOR  
20 WHO COMES IN OR WHETHER YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE PEOPLE THAT ARE ON  
21 STAFF WHO ARE JANITORIAL PEOPLE, WHO ARE THERE WHEN YOU NEED  
22 THEM, NOT AT THE TIME THAT THEY HAVE SCHEDULED DROP IN ON YOUR  
23 PLACE AND GO SOMEWHERE ELSE. SO I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A REPORT  
24 BACK FROM THE C.A.O. AND AN EVALUATION OF THAT, PARTICULARLY  
25 WHEN YOU SAY, WELL, WE COULD USE IT BEING CLEANER BUT THE



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1 CONTRACTOR COMES AT A PARTICULAR TIME AND I THINK THAT'S ONE  
2 OF THE REAL UNFORTUNATE PARTS OF CONTRACTING OUT SERVICE. WE  
3 DON'T DO THAT HERE BECAUSE WE KNOW, IF WE HAVE A PROBLEM IN  
4 THIS BUILDING, WE EXPECT SOMEONE TO COME RIGHT AWAY AND WE  
5 EXPECT SOMEONE TO CLEAN IT UP WHEN WE NEED IT CLEANED UP AND,  
6 AS A RESULT, WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE HERE OVER THE YEARS, FOR  
7 YEARS THEY'RE HERE, WE KNOW THEM AND WE FEEL VERY COMFORTABLE  
8 WITH THEM COMING IN AND OUT BUT, SOME OTHER PLACES IN OUR  
9 BUILDINGS, WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE CONTRACTED. SOME OF THEM ARE  
10 GOOD, SOME OF THEM ARE BAD, THEY'RE CHANGING ALL THE TIME AND  
11 I THINK IN YOUR CASE WE NEED TO LOOK AT IT AND REVIEW IT. I  
12 WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A REVIEW BACK.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** LET ME UNDERSTAND ON SOME OF THESE ISSUES.  
17 THERE'S A LETTER THAT'S GOING TO BE COMING TO US TO START  
18 LOOKING AT THE POTENTIAL OF REPLACING THIS BUILDING. IS THAT  
19 CORRECT, DAVID? MY CONCERN IS, AND I DON'T HAVE A GOOD HANDLE  
20 ON WHAT SOME OF THESE POLICIES ARE, THEY'RE ALL OVER THE PLACE  
21 AND I DON'T KNOW HOW WELL-- WHAT THE CONSISTENCY IS. FOR  
22 EXAMPLE, DO YOU HAVE ENOUGH STORAGE SPACE FOR 325 BODIES?

23

24 **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR.

25





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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** AND IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING YOU RECEIVE HOW MANY A  
2   WEEK?

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4   **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** ON A WEEKLY BASIS...

5

6   **SUP. MOLINA:** I GET THAT AVERAGE WEEKLY BODY COUNT IS 417. I  
7   DON'T KNOW HOW MANY RECEIVED...

8

9   **CRAIG HARVEY:** WELL, THAT NUMBER REFLECTS WHAT'S CURRENTLY IN  
10   THE FACILITY ON THE DATE THAT THAT COUNT WAS TAKEN. ON  
11   AVERAGE, WE BRING IN SOMEWHERE IN THE VICINITY 15 TO 30 BODIES  
12   A DAY EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK AND WE RELEASE...

13

14   **SUP. MOLINA:** DO AS MANY GO OUT?

15

16   **CRAIG HARVEY:** AS MANY OFTEN GO OUT. IT'S VARIABLE. I DON'T  
17   HAVE THE EXACT RELEASE FIGURES.

18

19   **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT THEY DON'T HAVE ANY FUDGE SPACE AT ALL  
20   BETWEEN THE 325 IF YOU'RE OVER CAPACITY ALWAYS.

21

22   **CRAIG HARVEY:** THAT'S CORRECT. THE FIGURE SEEMS TO BE STAYING  
23   PRETTY CONSTANT AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE TODAY.

24

25   **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU WERE, WHAT, 112 OVER EVERY WEEK?



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2 **CRAIG HARVEY:** YES.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I DON'T KNOW THAT EVERYBODY KNOWS THIS  
5 INFORMATION. I KNOW THAT WE'VE BEEN ASKING ABOUT IT. IT SEEMS  
6 TO ME, DAVID, AND I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'VE GOTTEN IT AS YET, WE  
7 NEED TO HAVE AN IDEA OF THE CAPACITY ISSUES AND THE POLICIES  
8 THAT DEAL WITH IT. IS THE 400 NUMBER A CAPACITY ISSUE OR A  
9 MANAGEMENT ISSUE? AND I'M NOT SURE I UNDERSTAND. I'VE ALWAYS  
10 UNDERSTOOD THERE WAS A CAPACITY PROBLEM. EVEN 325, THE MINUTE  
11 YOU GET TO 300, YOU SHOULD HAVE A PROBLEM, BECAUSE YOU'RE AT  
12 FULL CAPACITY, RIGHT?

13

14 **CRAIG HARVEY:** THAT'S CORRECT.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE, SHOULD SOME MAJOR ACCIDENT OCCUR, YOU  
17 HAVE TO HAVE SOME FUDGE ROOM. YOU CAN'T BE UP AT THE TOP AT  
18 ALL TIMES. I'M NOT SURE. SO THE ISSUE IS THAT WE NEED TO HAVE  
19 A REPORT THAT OUTLINES FOR US THAT INCLUDES THE INFORMATION  
20 ABOUT THE MANAGEMENT OF HOW WE HANDLE THESE BODIES OVERALL,  
21 THE RELEASING AND GO SO ON. IF YOU HAVE AN ESCALATING NUMBER  
22 OF BODIES THAT YOU AREN'T ABLE TO IDENTIFY, WHAT ARE THE  
23 POLICIES? SHOULD THOSE POLICIES BE CHANGED? WHAT ARE THE  
24 OUTCOMES? YOU SAY YOU'RE FINDING LESS AND LESS PEOPLE THAT ARE  
25 RESPONDING. WELL, I THINK WE NEED TO KNOW THESE KINDS OF



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1 THINGS BECAUSE THIS NUMBER CAN ONLY GET WORSE, IT SEEMS LIKE,  
2 NOT BETTER, RIGHT?

3

4 **CRAIG HARVEY:** THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO COULD WE GET A REPORT BY-- UNLESS YOU ALREADY  
7 HAVE THIS, DAVID.

8

9 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO, SUPERVISOR, I THINK WE CAN ADD THAT TO THE  
10 DISCUSSION IN JUNE. I'M HEARING THAT IT'S A LITTLE BIT OF  
11 BOTH, THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN POLICIES THAT THEY HAVE ADOPTED  
12 THAT KEEP THE BODIES IN STORAGE LONGER. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
13 WAS, I THINK, ASKING THOSE QUESTIONS.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** EVEN IF IT IS STORAGE, IS IT STORAGE OR JUST  
16 PLACING THEM SOMEWHERE?

17

18 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, I THINK IT'S PROBABLY BOTH AND THE  
19 GROWTH IN THE NUMBERS OVER THE YEARS, BECAUSE OF INCREASED  
20 POPULATION, MEANS THERE'S ALSO A STORAGE ISSUE. SO I THINK WE  
21 CAN DO BOTH OF THOSE BY THE END OF JUNE AND GIVE YOU SOME  
22 ALTERNATIVES TO CONSIDER TO DEAL WITH THAT.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** COULD WE ALSO NEED TO HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING. I  
25 MEAN, THERE IS A HUGE ESCALATING CASELOAD. I MEAN, THIS IS NOT



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1   SOMETHING THAT JUST HAPPENED. IT'S NOT ALL A MANAGEMENT  
2   PROBLEM, EITHER, IT'S A CASELOAD ISSUE. I'M SURE THERE'S BEEN  
3   AN ESCALATION OF THIS AND I GUESS WE NEED TO SEE SOME  
4   INFORMATION THAT WOULD GET US TO A POINT TO HAVE A BETTER  
5   APPRECIATION OR UNDERSTANDING BECAUSE, EVEN IF THE LETTER WERE  
6   TO COME IN AND ALL OF US WOULD APPROVE A BRAND NEW BUILDING,  
7   YOU'RE TALKING, WHAT, TWO TO THREE TO FIVE YEARS TO GET THIS  
8   DONE, RIGHT?

9

10   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT.

11

12   **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT'S THE IMMEDIATE SOLUTION? THAT'S WHAT I  
13   DON'T HAVE-- I'M NOT HEARING HERE AND I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE  
14   ONE.

15

16   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, PART OF THE IMMEDIATE SOLUTION...

17

18   **SUP. MOLINA:** AND IT'S AIN'T MORE REFRIGERATION TRUCKS PARKED  
19   OUTSIDE.

20

21   **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** THOSE ARE THE TYPES OF STOPGAP MEASURES  
22   THAT WE'RE TRYING TO AVOID.

23



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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE RECOMMENDING, THEN I  
2   NEED TO KNOW THAT AND I DON'T SEE THAT HERE. IS THAT WHAT  
3   YOU'RE RECOMMENDING?

4

5   **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** YES. THAT'S THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE THAT WE  
6   HAVE AT THIS POINT.

7

8   **SUP. MOLINA:** HOW MANY?

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10   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** AND AN INCREASE IN THE PRIVATE CONTRACT FOR  
11   CREMATION IS ANOTHER PIECE OF IT AND I THOUGHT I HEARD THAT,  
12   IF THE 60 TO 90 BODIES WERE PROCESSED, THAT THEY WOULD BE MUCH  
13   CLOSER TO THE 325, THAT THEY WOULD BE MUCH CLOSER TO THEIR  
14   CURRENT CAPACITY. SO...

15

16   **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW BUT I'M NOT HEARING THAT KIND OF  
17   CONSISTENCY, I GUESS IS WHAT I'M SAYING FROM THE QUESTIONS  
18   THAT ARE BEING ASKED.

19

20   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** AND I THINK WE CAN DO A MUCH BETTER JOB FOR  
21   DELIBERATIONS OF IDENTIFYING WHAT IS MANAGEMENT, WHAT IS  
22   CAPACITY AND THEN WHAT ARE YOUR ALTERNATIVES.

23

24   **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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3    **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.

4

5    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. ANYBODY SIGNED UP ON THE ITEM?

6    OKAY. LET US...

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8    **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** CONTINUE THIS TO DELIBERATION.

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10    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'LL CONTINUE THIS TO BUDGET WITH THE  
11    ASKING-- WE HAVE THREE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SIGNED UP.

12

13    **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** OKAY.

14

15    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MARIA ST. JOHN, GREGORY MEYERS AND  
16    MARIA JIMENEZ. JUST GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD WHEN YOU  
17    MAKE YOUR PRESENTATION. GOOD MORNING.

18

19    **MARIA ST. JOHN:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME  
20    IS MARIA ST. JOHN, I'M A CONSTITUENT OF MAYOR MIKE ANTONOVICH  
21    AND I KNOW THAT ALL OF YOU KNOW ME AND KNOW WHO I AM AND I  
22    HOPE THAT, AS I SPEAK TODAY, THAT EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU  
23    CAN REALLY LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY, SUPERVISOR MOLINA,  
24    MAYOR ANTONOVICH, SUPERVISOR BURKE, YOU KNOW, I HAVE A GREAT  
25    DEAL OF RESPECT FOR ALL OF YOU. IT HAS BEEN OVER FIVE YEARS



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1 SINCE I'VE ATTENDED A BOARD MEETING. THE REASON, MY BEAUTIFUL  
2 28-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER, JENNIFER MARIA SYME, WHO WAS MY ONLY  
3 CHILD AND MY BEST FRIEND, WAS KILLED IN A HORRIFIC AUTO  
4 ACCIDENT IN HOLLYWOOD APRIL 2ND, 2001. JENNIFER WAS THE  
5 GIRLFRIEND OF ACTOR KEANU REEVES AND, NEEDLESS TO SAY, HER  
6 LIFE AND DEATH WERE VERY HIGH PROFILE, AND I WAS BOMBARDED BY  
7 PAPARAZZI FROM AROUND THE WORLD WHEN SHE WAS KILLED AND EVEN  
8 BEFORE SO. TO SAY THE LEAST, MY WORLD WAS SHATTERED AND MY  
9 LIFE WAS FOREVER CHANGED. THE REASON I'M HERE TODAY WITH A  
10 FRACTURED HEART AND I'M STILL VERY FRAGILE BUT I'M ABLE TO  
11 SPEAK ON BEHALF THOSE WHO WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO SPEAK ABOUT  
12 HOW THEIR RIGHTS HAVE BEEN VIOLATED BY THE L.A. COUNTY  
13 CORONER'S OFFICE. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON MY BEHALF, ON BEHALF OF  
14 MY DAUGHTER, JENNIFER, ON BEHALF OF ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED  
15 AND DIE ON A DAILY BASIS, HIGH PROFILE OR NOT, WE ARE ALL THE  
16 SAME, WHICH ARE PROCESSED AND HAVE BEEN PROCESSED THROUGH THE  
17 LOS ANGELES COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE FACILITY WHOSE RIGHTS HAVE  
18 BEEN VIOLATED AND THEIR PRIVACY INVADED, AS WELL AS THEIR NEXT  
19 OF KIN. YOU SEE, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE HAS  
20 AN INTERNAL POLICY. OF COURSE, AN AUTOPSY REPORT IS A PUBLIC  
21 RECORD AND ANYONE CAN OBTAIN A COPY OF THE AUTOPSY REPORT.  
22 HOWEVER, THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, NEXT OF KIN ARE NOT  
23 ALLOWED TO KNOW WHO HAS A COPY OF THEIR LOVED ONE'S AUTOPSY  
24 REPORT. I WILL TELL YOU A QUICK STORY AND BE AS BRIEF AS I  
25 CAN, HOW I WAS BLINDSIDED AND MY HEART SHREDDED APART EVEN ONE





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1 MORE TIME THAN IT ALREADY WAS. WEEKS AFTER JENNIFER HAD BEEN  
2 LAID TO REST WITH MY BABY GRANDDAUGHTER, EVA ARCHER REEVES, I  
3 RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM A WOMAN WHO WAS A REPORTER FOR THE  
4 TABLOID, THE GLOBE, BECAUSE MY PERSONAL INFORMATION, MY PHONE  
5 NUMBER, WAS PLASTERED ON THE FRONT OF JENNIFER'S AUTOPSY  
6 REPORT. THE REPORTER FROM THE GLOBE SAID VERY CASUALLY, "MISS  
7 ST. JOHN, I'M SITTING HERE READING JENNIFER'S AUTOPSY REPORT  
8 AND, IF IT'S ANY CONSOLATION TO YOU, AT LEAST JENNIFER DIED  
9 INSTANTLY," AND IT SOUNDED LIKE AS IF SHE WAS READING A SCRIPT  
10 MUNCHING ON HER POPCORN. I HUNG UP THE PHONE FEELING AS IF  
11 SOMEONE HAD KICKED ME IN THE STOMACH, TAKING MY BREATH AWAY. I  
12 CRIED OUT, AUTOPSY? I WAS LIKE A CAT WITH ALL FOURS ON THE  
13 CEILING AND KEPT ASKING MYSELF, AUTOPSY? YOU SEE, THE DAY MY  
14 DAUGHTER, JENNIFER, WAS KILLED, L.A. COUNTY CORONER  
15 INVESTIGATOR TRANIQUA DOER, WHO BY THE WAY GAVE ME THE TRAGIC  
16 NEWS OF MY DAUGHTER'S DEATH ON THE TELEPHONE VERY  
17 NONCHALANTLY, TRANIQUA DOER ASKED ME IF I WANTED AN AUTOPSY  
18 PERFORMED ON MY DAUGHTER. I SAID NO, I SIGNED NO. INVESTIGATOR  
19 DOER SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT CALIFORNIA LAW MANDATES AN AUTOPSY  
20 BE PERFORMED ON THE DRIVER OF ANY FATAL AUTO ACCIDENT. THE  
21 MORNING AFTER THE PHONE CALL FROM THE GLOBE, MY FRIEND DROVE  
22 ME TO THE CORONER'S OFFICE AND, YES, IT WAS CONFIRMED THAT MY  
23 DAUGHTER HAD HAD AN AUTOPSY AND I OBTAINED A COPY OF THE  
24 AUTOPSY REPORT. I THEN ASKED THE RECEPTIONIST WHO ELSE HAD  
25 COME TO THAT OFFICE TO OBTAIN A COPY OF MY DAUGHTER'S AUTOPSY



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1 REPORT, BECAUSE I KNEW THE PAPARAZZI WERE LIKE DOGS, HOVERING  
2 AROUND AND WANTING TO KNOW INFORMATION AND I DID NOT WANT TO  
3 BE BLINDSIDED AGAIN. SHE SAID, "SORRY, MA'AM, I'M NOT ALLOWED  
4 TO GIVE YOU THAT INFORMATION." OF COURSE, I LOST IT AND I  
5 SAID, "YOU MEAN TO TELL ME THAT ANYONE CAN COME HERE TO THE  
6 L.A. COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE AND OBTAIN A COPY OF MY  
7 DAUGHTER'S AUTOPSY REPORT, WHICH IS PERSONAL INFORMATION, AND  
8 YET ME, YOU KNOW, HER OWN MOTHER, I AM NOT ALLOWED TO KNOW WHO  
9 HAS COPIES OF HER AUTOPSY REPORT?" I COULD GO ON AND ON AND ON  
10 AS TO HOW UNPROFESSIONAL SOME EMPLOYEES OF THE LOS ANGELES  
11 COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE CONDUCTED THEMSELVES AT THAT TIME,  
12 ESPECIALLY LIEUTENANT MCWILLIE, WHO WAS TALKING TO THE  
13 TABLOIDS LEFT AND RIGHT, AND I WON'T EVEN GO THERE. TODAY, I  
14 ASK, YOU HELP-- TODAY I ASK YOU TO PLEASE HELP ME, ASK THE  
15 L.A. COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE TO PLEASE CHANGE THIS INTERNAL  
16 POLICY OF THEIRS AND MAKE AVAILABLE THAT LIST OF PEOPLE WHO  
17 HAVE OBTAINED COPIES OF THEIR LOVED ONES' AUTOPSY REPORTS AND  
18 NAME THIS POLICY JENNIFER'S RULE.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ASK COUNTY COUNSEL, YOU RAISE A  
21 VERY RELEVANT QUESTION. WHY, WHEN THEY RELEASE A PUBLIC  
22 RECORD, WOULD THEY RELEASE INFORMATION THAT WOULD HAVE NEXT OF  
23 KIN'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, THAT TYPE OF INFORMATION? WHY WOULDN'T  
24 THAT BE BLACKED OUT IF YOU'RE REQUIRED, BY LAW, TO REQUEST,  
25 JUST TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT TYPE OF REQUEST? SECONDLY, WHY WOULD



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1 NOT THE NEXT OF KIN BE NOTIFIED WHEN PEOPLE WERE REQUESTING  
2 THAT AUTOPSY REPORT?

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4 **MARIA ST. JOHN:** I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO KNOW WHY MY PERSONAL  
5 INFORMATION...

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'RE ASKING THAT RIGHT NOW.

8

9 **MARIA ST. JOHN:** OKAY.

10

11 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR., COUNSEL:** MR. MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
12 BOARD, LET ME ASK ROBERT RAGLAN OF MY STAFF WHO REPRESENTS THE  
13 CORONER. MAYBE HE CAN SPECIFICALLY ANSWER.

14

15 **ROBERT RAGLAN:** MR. MAYOR, WITH REGARD TO YOUR FIRST QUESTION,  
16 I WAS WALKING UP WHEN YOU ASKED IT. THE SECOND ONE, WITH  
17 REGARD TO NOTIFYING NEXT OF KIN UPON A PUBLIC RECORDS ACT  
18 REQUEST FOR AN AUTOPSY REPORT, THERE'S NO STATUTORY DUTY TO  
19 NOTIFY THE NEXT OF KIN WHEN THERE'S A PUBLIC RECORDS ACT  
20 REQUEST MADE OF A AUTOPSY REPORT.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BUT DO YOU HAVE THAT AUTHORITY IF YOU  
23 WOULD...

24



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1   **ROBERT RAGLAN:** IT COULD BE A POLICY DETERMINATION BY THE  
2   DEPARTMENT OF CORONER.

3

4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO THE CORONER HAS THAT ABILITY TO  
5   MAKE THAT DETERMINATION?

6

7   **ROBERT RAGLAN:** YES, BECAUSE THE RECORD-- A WRITTEN-- A WRITTEN  
8   REQUEST WOULD BE A PUBLIC RECORD RECEIVED BY THE CORONER.

9

10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THEN WHAT ABOUT-- SO WE CAN ASK  
11   THE CORONER TO REVIEW THAT WHEN HE COMES BACK DURING BUDGET  
12   DELIBERATIONS?

13

14   **ROBERT RAGLAN:** YES.

15

16   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BUT ON THE FIRST POINT, BLOCKING OUT  
17   CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION SUCH AS TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF NEXT OF  
18   KIN ON THAT REPORT. WHO HAS THAT AUTHORITY?

19

20   **ROBERT RAGLAN:** IF THAT INFORMATION IS NOT WITHIN THE PUBLIC  
21   DOMAIN, THE CORONER COULD REDACT RECORDS BEFORE THEY ARE SENT  
22   OUT TO PUBLIC RECORD REQUESTERS.

23

24   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND IS THAT INFORMATION IN PUBLIC  
25   DOMAIN?



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2 **ROBERT RAGLAN:** I'M NOT SURE AT THIS TIME.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** COULD YOU GIVE US...

5

6 **ROBERT RAGLAN:** YES.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THEN ALSO HAVE THAT-- IF IT'S NOT,  
9 HAVE THAT WHEN THIS ISSUE COMES BACK BEFORE US NEXT MONTH?

10

11 **ROBERT RAGLAN:** ABSOLUTELY.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY COULDN'T THEY GIVE THE NEXT OF KIN A LIST OF  
16 WHO REQUESTED THE RECORDS?

17

18 **ROBERT RAGLAN:** THEY CAN.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT THEY DON'T.

21

22 **ROBERT RAGLAN:** I'M NOT SURE IF THEY DO OR NOT.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S NOT MANDATED THAT THEY SHOULD?

25



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1   **ROBERT RAGLAN:** IT'S NOT MANDATED UNDER THE PUBLIC RECORDS  
2   REQUEST, THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT.

3

4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THAT'S WHAT WE SHOULD MANDATE, IF  
5   WE HAVE THAT AUTHORITY, WE COULD INCLUDE THAT WHEN THIS COMES  
6   BACK BEFORE THIS BODY. THEY SHOULD BE NOTIFIED.

7

8   **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, AT LEAST THEY SHOULD KNOW WHO REQUESTED IT,  
9   IF IT'S THE PRESS, IF IT'S, YOU KNOW, ANOTHER PERSON WHO MIGHT  
10   HURT YOU OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, I THINK IT WOULD BE  
11   WORTHWHILE TO KNOW, PARTICULARLY IF THE PERSON HAS REQUESTED  
12   THAT INFORMATION. I'M NOT SURE EVERYONE WOULD, BUT WHY WOULD  
13   IT BE DENIED? CAN'T SHE MAKE A PUBLIC-- COULD THEY TURN AROUND  
14   AND MAKE A PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST OF WHO THEY GAVE IT TO?

15

16   **ROBERT RAGLAN:** IF IT WAS A PUBLIC-- IF THE CORONER GENERATED A  
17   DOCUMENT, LIKE A COVER LETTER TO THE PERSON WHO REQUESTED THE  
18   RECORDS, A COPY OF THAT COVER LETTER, IF IT WAS KEPT BY THE  
19   DEPARTMENT OF CORONER, WOULD BE A PUBLIC RECORD THAT COULD BE  
20   DISCLOSED TO THE NEXT OF KIN.

21

22   **SUP. MOLINA:** AGAIN, HERE'S A SIMPLE THING. USUALLY, A PUBLIC  
23   RECORDS REQUEST IS MADE. I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE THEY CALL THEM  
24   UP ON THE PHONE AND SAID, "SEND ME A COPY OF THAT AUTOPSY",  
25   RIGHT? RIGHT?



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2 **ROBERT RAGLAN:** IN WRITING, YES, THE DOCUMENT.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. SO IF SOMEBODY CAME IN AND SAID, "I'D LIKE  
5 TO KNOW WHO REQUESTED IT..."

6

7 **ROBERT RAGLAN:** THOSE RECORDS WOULD BE PUBLIC. THE WRITTEN  
8 REQUEST IS PUBLIC AND ANY WRITTEN RESPONSE BY THE DEPARTMENT  
9 OF CORONER WOULD BE PUBLIC.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO HOW COULD SOMEBODY BE DENIED THAT? IN OTHER  
12 WORDS, THAT PERSON COULD TURN AROUND AND DO A PUBLIC RECORDS  
13 REQUEST AND FIND OUT NOW? I MEAN, THAT'S THE ONLY WAY YOU'RE  
14 GOING TO GET IT? IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?

15

16 **ROBERT RAGLAN:** WELL, NO, I THINK THAT'S A INTERNAL POLICY  
17 DECISION OR POLICY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORONER.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT, BUT...

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO WHEN WE CHANGE THE POLICY NEXT  
22 MONTH, WE COULD ALSO ASK THAT WOULD BE RETROACTIVE.

23

24 **ROBERT RAGLAN:** YES.

25





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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. SHE COULD DO IT NOW, SHE COULD SUBMIT A  
2   PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST AND THEN SHE WOULD FIND OUT, RIGHT?

3

4   **ROBERT RAGLAN:** THAT'S CORRECT. I BELIEVE THE DEPARTMENT IS...

5

6   **SPEAKER:** IF I MAY ADDRESS SUPERVISORS.

7

8   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THEY'RE STONEWALLING HER.

9

10   **SPEAKER:** I, AT THAT TIME...

11

12   **ROBERT RAGLAN:** WELL, I DON'T REALLY THINK THAT'S A FAIR  
13   CHARACTERIZATION BECAUSE I THINK THEY HAD-- THE SPEAKER HAD A  
14   DISCUSSION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CORONER WHO WAS LOOKING INTO  
15   THE FILE CURRENTLY TO GET THE INFORMATION REGARDING WHO HAS  
16   THE-- WHO THE AUTOPSY REPORT WAS SENT TO PURSUANT TO A PUBLIC  
17   RECORDS ACT REQUEST. AND SO THEY'RE LOOKING INTO IT AND WE'LL  
18   GIVE HER THE INFORMATION.

19

20   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE COULD ASK THE CORONER TO COME UP  
21   RIGHT NOW.

22

23   **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT A MINUTE. SHE DIED OVER A YEAR AND A HALF  
24   AGO, RIGHT?

25



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1   **MARIA ST. JOHN:** PARDON?

2

3   **SUP. MOLINA:** THIS OCCURRED OVER A YEAR AND A HALF AGO,  
4   CORRECT?

5

6   **MARIA ST. JOHN:** NO, MY DAUGHTER-- MY DAUGHTER WAS KILLED FIVE  
7   YEARS AGO AND SO FIVE YEARS AGO IS WHEN, YOU KNOW, I FOUND  
8   OUT, YOU KNOW, THAT SHE HAD HAD AN AUTOPSY WHEN THIS PERSON  
9   FROM THE GLOBE HAD CALLED...

10

11   **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND THAT PART OF IT BUT WHEN YOU SAID  
12   THAT YOU WENT IN AND YOU ASKED TO FIND OUT?

13

14   **MARIA ST. JOHN:** WHEN I BOUGHT THE COPY OF THE AUTOPSY REPORT,  
15   I SAID, YOU KNOW, I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHO ELSE HAS OBTAINED A  
16   COPY, YOU KNOW, WHEN THE GLOBE WAS, YOU KNOW, ON THE PHONE  
17   WITH ME AND THEY SAID, "SORRY, MA'AM, WE CAN'T GIVE YOU THAT  
18   INFORMATION." SO WHAT I DID WAS I CALLED ANTHONY HERNANDEZ AND  
19   I HAD DIALOGUE WITH ANOTHER PERSON BY THE NAME OF JAMIE ITO,  
20   WHO WAS THERE AT THE TIME, AND MR. HERNANDEZ HAD SAID, YOU  
21   KNOW, HE GAVE-- HE SAID IT WAS THE GLOBE, MYSELF, AND SAID  
22   THAT IF I WANTED THAT INFORMATION, I COULD CALL HIM AND HE  
23   WOULD GIVE ME THAT INFORMATION. I DID NOT WANT PREFERENTIAL  
24   TREATMENT WHERE IT WAS JUST GIVEN TO ME. I WANTED A BLANKET



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1 POLICY WHERE ANYONE COULD REALLY FIND OUT WHO HAD A COPY OF  
2 THEIR LOVED ONE'S...

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT, SO YOU'RE JUST STATING IT AS IT SHOULD  
5 BE A POLICY.

6

7 **MARIA ST. JOHN:** I WOULD LIKE A POLICY IMPLEMENTED.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** THEY PROBABLY WOULD HAVE TO HAVE THE REQUEST  
10 CONTINUING OR ATTACHED SOMEHOW TO THE REPORT BECAUSE PROBABLY  
11 WHAT HAPPENS IS THAT EVERYONE THAT COMES IN IS JUST GOES IN  
12 THE GENERAL FILE OF ALL PUBLIC DOCUMENTS, SO THE POLICY THAT  
13 WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO BE ESTABLISHED IS THAT ANY REQUEST ON  
14 THIS PARTICULAR ONE WOULD BE ATTACHED SOMEHOW TO THAT REPORT  
15 REPORT. OTHERWISE, I JUST DOUBT IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO  
16 KEEP TRACK OF IT, YOU'D HAVE TO GO THROUGH SO MANY, IF IT GOES  
17 INTO A GENERAL FILE. AND SO I THINK THAT'S THE ISSUE WE REALLY  
18 HAVE TO FIND OUT ABOUT IS HOW IT'S HANDLED.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'LL HAVE IT COME BACK BEFORE US NEXT  
21 MONTH WHEN WE DO THE BUDGET.

22

23 **MARIA ST. JOHN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH FOR  
24 ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK.

25



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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

2

3    **ARIANNA JIMENEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY  
4    NAME IS ARIANNA JIMENEZ, I'M WITH WITH S.E.I.U. LOCAL 660, I'M  
5    THE HEALTH SERVICES DIRECTOR THERE, WHICH IS OUR INTERNAL  
6    DIVISION WHICH REPRESENTS THE CORONER'S OFFICE. I'M HERE  
7    BECAUSE LOCAL 660 IS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE HEALTH, SAFETY  
8    AND THE MORALE OF OUR MEMBERS WHO WORK FOR THE CORONER. I  
9    REALLY APPLAUD THEIR BRAVERY FOR STEPPING FORWARD BUT IT WAS  
10    AFTER REPEATED ATTEMPTS TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES THAT WERE  
11    BROUGHT HERE TODAY INTERNALLY THROUGH THE LABOR MANAGEMENT  
12    PROCESS, THROUGH THE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE PROCESS AND  
13    THE CORONER DEPARTMENT'S LACK OF ATTENTION TO THE OVERCROWDING  
14    PROBLEM THAT HAS FESTERED THERE FOR SO MANY YEARS REALLY  
15    FORCED THE EMPLOYEES TO HAVE TO GO PUBLIC WITH THIS ISSUE.

16

17    **SUP. MOLINA:** CAN I ASK YOU A QUESTION?

18

19    **ARIANNA JIMENEZ:** SURE.

20

21    **SUP. MOLINA:** IS THERE ANY REASON WHY YOU COULDN'T COME TO SOME  
22    OF US?

23

24    **ARIANNA JIMENEZ:** UMM... PERHAPS WE SHOULD HAVE DONE THAT  
25    SOONER.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT WOULD BE A NICE RECOMMENDATION FOR FUTURE USE.  
3 SOME OF OUR OFFICES ARE OPEN, EMPLOYEES CAN COME TO US TO  
4 STATE THEIR CONCERNS, EVEN AS A UNION, YOU CAN COME TO US.  
5 INSTEAD, YOU DECIDED TO SEND IT TO THE PRESS.

6

7 **ARIANNA JIMENEZ:** I THINK EMPLOYEES WERE REALLY TRYING TO  
8 FOLLOW THE CHAIN OF COMMAND AND WERE GETTING FRUSTRATED WITH  
9 THE LACK OF RESPONSE.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW BUT THE CHAIN OF COMMAND DOES NOT INCLUDE  
12 THE PRESS.

13

14 **ARIANNA JIMENEZ:** FAIR ENOUGH. NEVERTHELESS, LIKE I SAID, THIS  
15 SITUATION HAS BEEN FESTERING IN THE DEPARTMENT FOR A NUMBER OF  
16 YEARS AND, AFTER THE DEPARTMENT REALLY DRUG THEIR FEET ON THIS  
17 ISSUE, THE EMPLOYEES FELT LIKE THEY WERE FORCED TO GO PUBLIC,  
18 SO...

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I'D LIKE YOU TO KNOW THAT MY OFFICE IS  
21 OPEN.

22

23 **ARIANNA JIMENEZ:** I APPRECIATE THE INVITATION. THANK YOU. SO  
24 I'M HERE TODAY TO ASK FOR TWO THINGS. I THINK, AFTER THE LACK  
25 OF RESPONSE, THAT IT'S REALLY HIGH TIME THAT ACTION BE TAKEN.



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1 I WAS GLAD TO HEAR ABOUT A CREMATORY BEING PUT IN PLACE BUT WE  
2 ALSO, AS WAS BROUGHT UP TODAY, BELIEVE THAT THERE'S  
3 SIGNIFICANT CAPACITY ISSUES AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE A STOPGAP  
4 MEASURE SUCH AS A REFRIGERATED TRUCK OR SOME SOLUTION THAT  
5 IMMEDIATELY ADDRESSES THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL CAPACITY, AS  
6 WELL AS A LONG-TERM SOLUTION, SUCH AS THE-- FINALLY COMPLETING  
7 THE BUILDING OF THE ANNEX WHICH HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR A NUMBER  
8 OF YEARS NOW. SO I WILL TURN IT OVER TO GREG MEYERS, WHO IS A  
9 DEPUTY CORONER AND ONE OF OUR MEMBERS WHO HAS DONE A GREAT  
10 DEAL OF WORK ON THIS ISSUE.

11

12 **GREGORY MEYERS:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS GREGORY  
13 MYERS, I'M A DEPUTY CORONER FORENSIC ATTENDANT WITH THE LOS  
14 ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORONER. I'VE BEEN WITH THE  
15 DEPARTMENT 25 PLUS YEARS. MY RESPONSIBILITY IS INVESTIGATION  
16 TRANSPORTATION. MY DUTIES ARE TO RECOVER BODIES NOT ONLY FROM  
17 THE SCENE BUT ALSO FROM HOSPITALS. PRIOR TO COMING TO THE  
18 DEPARTMENT, I WAS A MORTICIAN FOR SIX YEARS, SO I UNDERSTAND  
19 THE COMPASSION OF THE FAMILIES. I'D LIKE TO SAY, WITHOUT  
20 RESERVATION OR REMORSE, THAT THESE ARE THE WORST WORKING  
21 CONDITIONS THAT WE'VE BEEN EXPOSED TO IN MY 25-PLUS YEARS.  
22 WE'RE OVERPOPULATED, WE'RE OVERCROWDED. STANDS TO REASON,  
23 BASICALLY. THE RISE IN THE COST OF MEDICAL INSURANCE, A LOT OF  
24 PEOPLE DON'T HAVE MEDICAL INSURANCE SO THEREFORE, YOU KNOW,  
25 THEY'RE UNABLE TO, SHALL WE SAY, BE UP ON THEIR DOCTOR'S CARE.



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1 THE INCREASE IN THE COUNTY'S POPULATION, AS WELL AS THE LARGE  
2 NUMBER OF UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS HAS RISEN OUR CASELOAD AND  
3 THIS CAUSES BASICALLY THE STACKING OF BODIES, AND WHEN I SAY  
4 STACKING, I'M REFERRING TO DOUBLING AND TRIPLING BODIES UP ON  
5 TABLES AND PLACING BODIES ON THE FLOOR. WE'RE ALSO ADDRESSING  
6 THE LEAVING THE BODIES IN THE HALLWAY IN ORDER FOR US TO  
7 RECOVER BODIES FOR EXAMINATION OR RECOVER A BODY FOR RELEASE.  
8 DURING THE RELEASE AND TRANSPORTATION PROCESS, A LOT OF TIMES  
9 WE'RE-- WE HAVE THE MISFORTUNE OF STEPPING ON BODIES IN ORDER  
10 TO RECOVER OTHERS AND THOSE ARE BODIES THAT ARE PLACED ON THE  
11 FLOOR. BODIES ARE TRANSPORTED UNSECURED. WE HAVE TWO GURNEYS  
12 AND, A LOT OF TIMES, WE ARE REQUIRED TO TRANSPORT THREE, FOUR  
13 TO FIVE BODIES AT A TIME. BASICALLY, WE'VE OUTGROWN THE  
14 FACILITY. WE HAVE THREE BASICALLY-- BASICALLY, WE HAVE THREE  
15 CRYPTS, OR CRYPT AREAS AND THE CAPACITY IS 335. OUR CASELOAD,  
16 SINCE THE FIRST OF THE YEAR, HAS BEEN OVER 400. MANAGEMENT'S  
17 REMEDY, THEY'VE CONSTRUCTED AND-- WELL, LAST YEAR, I BELIEVE,  
18 YEAH, LAST YEAR, THEY CONSTRUCTED A NEW STORAGE RACKING  
19 SYSTEM. THIS SYSTEM IN OUR MAIN CRYPT IS ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE  
20 212 BODIES. PRIOR TO THEM IMPLEMENTING THIS NEW STORAGE  
21 RACKING SYSTEM, OUR PREVIOUS STORAGE SYSTEM COULD HOUSE 240.  
22 THAT INDICATES A DECREASE IN THE STORAGE CAPACITY. I'M A  
23 MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT'S HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE AS WELL  
24 AS THEIR LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THESE ISSUES WERE  
25 BROUGHT UP AT THESE MEETINGS. HOWEVER, OBVIOUSLY, THEY'VE





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1   FALLEN ON DEAF EARS. OUR REMEDY BASICALLY IS BETTER WORKING  
2   CONDITIONS AND BETTER STORAGE CAPACITY. WE WANT ACTION, NOT  
3   FORGOTTEN PROMISES. WE WANT ACCOUNTABILITY, NOT EXCUSES. LAST  
4   BUT NOT LEAST, WE WANT RESPECT AND DIGNITY FOR YOUR LOVED  
5   ONES.

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7   **SUP. MOLINA:** IF YOU WANT RESPECT, YOU SHOULD COME TO SOME OF  
8   US. WE MIGHT LISTEN FIRST.

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10   **GREGORY MEYERS:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, AND  
11   I WASN'T THE ONE WHO CAME TO YOUR OFFICE, BUT...

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13   **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU DID COME TO MY OFFICE?

14

15   **GREGORY MEYERS:** DO YOU HAVE A DEPUTY BY THE NAME OF DENNIS  
16   DAFOYA? OKAY. ACCORDING TO A CO-WORKER, THEY CAME TO YOUR  
17   OFFICE, AS WELL AS ANTONOVICH'S OFFICE. THEY WERE REFERRED TO  
18   THE OFFICE OF COUNTY INVESTIGATIONS, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER. WE  
19   HAD CORRESPONDED WITH MR. JACK OVANIAN AND HE CONDUCTED AN...

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21   **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU DIDN'T COME TO MY OFFICE. I DON'T HAVE ANYONE  
22   BY THAT NAME.

23

24   **GREGORY MEYERS:** OKAY. WELL, THEY MAY HAVE BEEN IN ERROR BUT  
25   IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY CAME TO THE OFFICE. BASICALLY,



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1 LORD FORBID, SOME DAY, YOUR LOVED ONES MAY PASS THROUGH OUR  
2 DOORS. IS THIS HOW YOU WANT YOUR LOVED ONES TO BE TREATED?  
3 THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. SO WE'LL HAVE THE  
6 INFORMATION REQUESTED RETURNED FOR BUDGET DELIBERATIONS NEXT  
7 MONTH. SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM  
8 NUMBER 16.

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10 **SUP. BURKE:** ON ITEM 16-- ARE THERE PEOPLE?

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE SIGNED UP.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ALICE SWEET, PAULETTE NICHOLSON--  
15 NICKERSON, MARILYN MONTENEGRO, SUSAN BURTON. BECAUSE OF THE  
16 NUMBER OF SPEAKERS, WE'RE GOING TO LIMIT YOU EACH TO TWO  
17 MINUTES EACH. WE HAVE QUITE A FEW WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TODAY,  
18 UNLESS SOME WANT TO GIVE THEIR TIME TO ANOTHER MEMBER WHO IS  
19 SIGNED UP. WE HAVE PAULETTE NICKERSON, MARILYN MONTENEGRO,  
20 SUSAN BURTON AND ALICE SWEET. WHEN YOU SPEAK, JUST GIVE YOUR  
21 NAME FOR THE RECORD.

22

23 **SUSAN BURTON:** MY NAME IS SUSAN BURTON, I'M EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
24 OF A NEW WAY OF LIFE REENTRY PROJECT.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOUR NAME AGAIN?

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3    **SUSAN BURTON:** SUSAN BURTON. AND THE LITTLE HOOVER COMMISSION  
4    ESTIMATES THAT 70% TO 90% OF FORMER PRISONERS ARE UNEMPLOYED.  
5    THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY-- A LOS ANGELES COUNTY STUDY OF  
6    EMPLOYER ATTITUDES AND PRACTICES AROUND HIRING PEOPLE WITH  
7    CONVICTIONS REVEAL THAT 20% OF 619 COMPANIES SURVEYED WOULD  
8    HIRE A PERSON WITH A CONVICTION. WE ALSO-- I ALSO BELIEVE THAT  
9    EVERYONE IS A DIAMOND. PEOPLE WITH CONVICTIONS SHOULD NOT  
10   CONTINUE TO BE PUNISHED AFTER SERVING THEIR SENTENCES. THEY  
11   DESERVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A FRESH START AND A CHANCE AT A  
12   LIVING WAGE JOB. WE SUPPORT THE EFFORT TO REMOVE THE QUESTION  
13   ABOUT PRIOR CONVICTIONS FROM PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS.  
14   THERE ARE SIX CITIES AND ONE STATE THAT HAVE ALREADY PASSED--  
15   THAT HAVE CHANGED THEIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES. THOSE CITIES  
16   INCLUDE SAN FRANCISCO, BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA, BALTIMORE,  
17   CHICAGO, GRAND RAPIDS AND THE STATE OF HAWAII. I URGE YOU TO  
18   SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE FEASIBILITY STUDY BEFORE  
19   YOU TODAY AND I'D LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS HERE  
20   TODAY, ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS FOR BEING HERE TO HEAR US ON  
21   THIS-- ON THIS FEASIBILITY STUDY. IN MY EVERYDAY LIFE, I WATCH  
22   PEOPLE STRUGGLE WITH EMPLOYMENT, TRYING TO GET THEIR LIVES  
23   BACK ON TRACK, DOING ALL OF THE RIGHT THINGS BUT BEING BARRED  
24   OUT OF LIVING WAGE JOBS. THANK YOU.

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1   **SWEET ALICE HARRIS:** I'M SWEET ALICE HARRIS FROM THE WATTS  
2   CALIFORNIA AND I COME HERE TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS. I PRAY  
3   FOR YOU ALL ALL THE TIME. I KNOW YOUR JOB IS HARD BUT YOU HAVE  
4   REALLY DID SOMETHING THIS TIME THAT HAS ACTUALLY DID WHAT  
5   SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE A LONG TIME AGO, BECAUSE I WATCHED TOO  
6   MANY PEOPLE DIE ... (VOICE WAVERING) ... I WATCH TOO GET ON  
7   DRUGS AND THEY WERE GOOD PEOPLE, CAME FROM GOOD FAMILIES BUT,  
8   FOR THE RECORD, THEY COULDN'T GET A JOB, LIKE I HAVE RICHARD  
9   HERE NOW AND I BROUGHT HIM BECAUSE HE'S THE ONE, IN TWO WEEKS,  
10   IS GOING THROUGH THE SAME THING, COME THROUGH THE HOME, BEEN  
11   LIVING THERE IN THE SHELTER WITH US, MENTALLY ILL SHELTER  
12   THREE MONTHS, GOOD MAN, YOU KNOW, JUST AS GOOD AND HONEST, GOT  
13   A JOB, FIND OUT HE HAD A FELONY FOR TICKETS AND HAS LAID HIM  
14   OFF AND I'M LOOKING AT HOW HE'S GOING DOWN, BUT I'M NOT GOING  
15   TO SEE ANOTHER ONE GO TO THE STREETS, AND YOU ALL HAVE SAVED  
16   ME FROM THIS DAY. SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU. GOD KNOWS WE THANK  
17   YOU BECAUSE THIS IS WELL OVERDUE, WHAT YOU'RE DOING NOW. SO  
18   MANY YOUNG MENS AND YOUNG WOMENS WE SEE GETTING ON DRUGS  
19   BECAUSE THEY CAN'T GET A JOB, THEN THEY GO IN THE SYSTEM AND  
20   THEN WE TAXPAYERS HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THEM WHEN THEY COULD BE  
21   WORKING AND PAYING TAX MONEY. I JUST WANT TO THANK Y'ALL, GOD  
22   KNOWS I WANT TO THANK YOU. YOU HAVE REALLY DONE SOMETHING FOR  
23   US THIS TIME. THANK YOU SO MUCH. I'M GOING TO BE PRAYING FOR  
24   YOU AND CONTINUE TO DO WHAT Y'ALL ARE DOING. MIGHT NOT SEE ME  
25   OFTEN, BUT I'M PRAYING FOR YOU. THANK YOU ALL AND KEEP PRAYING



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1 FOR RICHARD HERE. HE'S A GOOD MAN AND WE'RE GOING TO GET HIM A  
2 JOB. THANK YOU.

3

4 **PAULETTE NICKERSON:** HELLO. I'M PAULETTE NICKERSON WITH WATTS  
5 LABOR COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN  
6 RESOURCES THERE. W.L.C.A.C. IS A 501(C)(3) NONPROFIT PRIVATE  
7 CORPORATION. WE ARE A MAJOR EMPLOYER IN SOUTH CENTRAL LOS  
8 ANGELES. OUR AREA OF WORK ENCOMPASSES ABOUT 14% IN  
9 UNEMPLOYMENT. IN OUR AREA OF SERVICE, THERE ARE 8,000 PAROLEES  
10 THAT ARE WE ARE TRYING IT ASSIST WITH TRYING TO GET  
11 EMPLOYMENT. COMING HERE REMINDS ME, WHEN I BROUGHT 20 YOUNG  
12 MEN AND WOMEN HERE TO BE CELEBRATED FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
13 IN A CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM. OF THOSE 20 YOUTH, 60% OF THEM HAD  
14 RECORDS, THEY HAD BEEN INCARCERATED AND OUR JOB WAS TO TRY TO  
15 GET THEM EMPLOYMENT AND GET THEM IN SCHOOL. TODAY, I CAN SAY,  
16 OF THAT GROUP, 18 OF THEM ARE EMPLOYED AND ARE IN SCHOOL. SO  
17 IT WAS A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT, BUT WHAT THAT DEMONSTRATES IS THAT  
18 WE CAN HELP IN THE ARENA OF HAVING PEOPLE CHANGE THEIR LIVES  
19 AND GO IN ANOTHER DIRECTION. THE REENTRY PROGRAMS ARE  
20 ESSENTIAL TO PROVIDING POSITIVE ALTERNATIVES. THEY IMPACT  
21 OTHER SOCIAL AREAS SUCH AS CRIME AND INCREASED HOMELESSNESS.  
22 WE UNDERSTAND THE REQUIREMENTS OF EMPLOYERS BECAUSE WE HAVE TO  
23 MEET THE SAME MANDATES OF THE STATE, COUNTY, FEDERAL LAWS THAT  
24 IMPACT DISCRIMINATION AND EMPLOYMENT. SO WE KNOW WE HAVE A DUE  
25 DILIGENCE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE PROTECT OUR CLIENTELE AND



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1 PARTICIPANTS IN OUR PROGRAM. THE EMPLOYMENT ASSISTS IN  
2 REDIRECTING THE ENERGY SO THAT INDIVIDUALS MAY SUSTAIN  
3 THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES. W.L.C.A.C. SUPPORTS BAN THE  
4 BOX. WE FEEL THAT THIS IS A SOUND RESOLUTION, IT WILL HELP US  
5 TO MOVE A PART OF OUR SOCIETY THAT CAN BECOME VITAL AND VIABLE  
6 HUMAN RESOURCES TO HELP US IN OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU VERY  
7 MUCH.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME CALL UP DAVID  
10 SANCHEZ, DR. SANCHEZ, KHALID SHAH AND CHALON SMITH ELLIS. YES.

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12 **MARILYN MONTENEGRO:** MY NAME IS MARILYN MONTENEGRO, I'M A  
13 SOCIAL WORKER AND WITH THE WOMEN'S COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL  
14 ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS, CALIFORNIA CHAPTER, AND I  
15 COORDINATE THEIR PRISON PROJECT. I WORK WITH WOMEN IN PRISON,  
16 WOMEN COMING OUT OF PRISON, WOMEN NEWLY ARRIVED INTO THE  
17 COMMUNITY AND I AM WELL AWARE THAT 70 TO 90% OF THE PEOPLE WHO  
18 LEAVE PRISON ARE UNEMPLOYED AND 70% OF THOSE PEOPLE GO BACK  
19 WITHIN THREE YEARS. I DON'T THINK THAT IT'S ANY COINCIDENCE  
20 THAT THOSE NUMBERS ARE VERY SIMILAR. PEOPLE WHO LEAVE PRISON  
21 CAN'T GET JOBS AND ONE OF THE REASONS THEY CAN'T GET THOSE  
22 JOBS IS BECAUSE THERE'S THE QUESTION, HAVE YOU BEEN CONVICTED  
23 OF A FELONY? SOME PEOPLE DON'T FILL OUT THE APPLICATION AT ALL  
24 BECAUSE THEY'RE SO DISCOURAGED. MANY PEOPLE FIND THEIR  
25 APPLICATION PLACED IN ANOTHER FILE AND THEY NEVER ARE



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1    CONSIDERED BECAUSE EMPLOYERS LOOK AT THAT FIRST. MANY AREAS  
2    HAVE ADOPTED A BAN THE BOX POLICY, NOT ASKING THAT QUESTION  
3    UNTIL LATER IN THE EMPLOYMENT AND SELECTION PROCESS AND I  
4    THINK THIS FEASIBILITY STUDY IS AN EXCELLENT IDEA. SUSAN  
5    BURTON HAS SOME PACKETS AND THERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS THAT  
6    FORMER PRISONERS HAVE DEVELOPED THAT WE WOULD LIKE INCLUDED  
7    WITH THAT FEASIBILITY STUDY, QUESTIONS ABOUT WRITTEN  
8    PROCESSES, WRITTEN PROTOCOLS THAT ARE FOLLOWED, WHAT HAPPENS,  
9    WHO DECIDES WHICH CONVICTION IS RELATED TO JOB PERFORMANCE AND  
10   WHICH ISN'T. SO I COMMEND YOU FOR CONSIDERING THIS AMENDMENT  
11   OR BILL AND I HOPE THAT YOU PASS IT, THAT YOU HAVE A  
12   FEASIBILITY STUDY AND THAT THE COUNTY WILL BE ANOTHER LEADER  
13   IN RESTORING SOME RIGHTS TO PEOPLE WHO PAID THEIR DEBT TO  
14   SOCIETY. THANK YOU.

15

16   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

17

18   **SUP. BURKE:** IF YOU GIVE THAT TO US...

19

20   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DAWN ADAMSON. YES?

21

22   **KHALID SHAH:** GOOD MORNING. ACTUALLY, GOOD AFTERNOON,  
23   SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KHALID SHAH, I'M EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
24   AND FOUNDER OF STOP THE VIOLENCE, INCREASE PEACE FOUNDATION.  
25   WE SERVICE A NUMBER OF COMMUNITIES IN THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL





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1 DISTRICT, COMPTON, WATTS, INGLEWOOD, SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES  
2 AND PARTS OF THE SOUTH BAY. WE SERVICE BETWEEN FOUR AND 600  
3 AT-RISK YOUTH BETWEEN THE AGES OF 14 AND 21 IN THE COMMUNITY--  
4 COMMUNITIES THAT WE SERVE. MOST OF THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE WE  
5 PROVIDE JOB TRAINING AND JOB PLACEMENT FOR. I'M HERE TODAY IN  
6 SUPPORT, NOT JUST IN SUPPORT BUT IN SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE  
7 THAT'S IN FRONT OF US. AND FIRST THING I WANT TO DO IS THANK  
8 YOU, SUPERVISOR YVONNE BRATHWAITE-BURKE, THANK YOU AGAIN FOR  
9 BEING UP ON THE FRONT LINE OF SPEAKING FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T  
10 SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU AGAIN BECAUSE  
11 IN MANY, MANY, MANY DIFFERENT ISSUES AS IT RELATES TO OUR  
12 YOUNG PEOPLE, YOU'VE STEPPED TO THE PLATE, SO THANK YOU AGAIN.  
13 AND I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THE  
14 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR SUPPORTING THIS MEASURE. IT IS  
15 ABSOLUTELY 100% NECESSARY. OVER HALF OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT  
16 WE WORK WITH END UP BACK ON THE STREETS. MANY OF THOSE YOUNG  
17 PEOPLE WE SEE ON THE 6:00 NEWS, MANY BECAUSE THEY'RE AFRAID TO  
18 TRY TO GO GET A JOB BECAUSE THEY KNOW THEY'RE GOING TO BE  
19 ASKED THAT VITAL QUESTION, "DO YOU HAVE A RECORD?" SO I THINK  
20 THIS IS A TREMENDOUS STEP FORWARD IN HELPING SOME OF THOSE  
21 YOUNG PEOPLE, MANY WHO DON'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO EVEN TAKE  
22 THAT STEP AND I WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO GO BEYOND THAT  
23 BECAUSE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE NEED LEADERSHIP TODAY. AND SO, AGAIN,  
24 I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF STOP THE VIOLENCE  
25 FOUNDATION. I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY THAT'S INVOLVED IN THIS



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1   PROCESS AND I JUST WANT TO END WITH THIS. I READ A STATISTIC  
2   THAT SAID THAT THERE ARE OVER TWO MILLION PEOPLE LOCKED UP IN  
3   PRISONS IN THIS COUNTRY. MANY OF THOSE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO  
4   COME BACK HOME AND WHERE DO WE THINK THEY'RE GOING TO COME?  
5   THEY'RE COMING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITIES. THEY NEED A SECOND  
6   CHANCE AND I THINK THIS IS A GREAT STEP FORWARD TO GIVING THEM  
7   A SECOND CHANCE. THANK YOU.

8

9   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP KESHA  
10  BURTON AND MATTIE SMITH.

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12  **CHALON SMITH ELLIS:** MY NAME IS SHALAN SMITH ELLIS AND IT IS A  
13  HONOR TO BE HERE BEFORE YOU AND TO BE IN THE PRESENCE OF  
14  EVERYBODY HERE. I AM A FORMER PRISONER, A FORMER INCARCERATED  
15  PERSON AND I'M ALSO A DRUG AND ALCOHOL COUNSELOR AND A WOMAN'S  
16  ADVOCATE. UPON MY RELEASE FROM PRISON, I WAS DENIED WELFARE,  
17  MY DAUGHTER WAS DENIED WELFARE BECAUSE OF MY CONVICTION. MY  
18  DAUGHTER WAS AT THE TIME 16 AND SIX MONTHS PREGNANT. WE HAD  
19  BEEN DENIED HOUSING, WE WERE HOMELESS AND WE WERE DENIED A  
20  NUMBER OF SERVICES JUST FOR THE FACT THAT I HAD A FELONY  
21  CONVICTION. WITH PERSISTENCE AND A STRUGGLE, I WENT ON TO  
22  BECOME VERY SUCCESSFUL BUT, IN MY DAILY WORK, I SEE MANY, MANY  
23  WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN SUFFERING BEHIND THIS BAN THAT HAS  
24  BEEN PLACED ON THEM BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE SOME  
25  KIND OF CONVICTION, EITHER FELONY OR MISDEMEANOR, AND I WANT



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1 TO THANK YOU FOR TAKING A LOOK AT THIS AND I WANT TO THANK YOU  
2 FOR TAKING THE TIME TO HEAR ME TODAY ON THIS ISSUE. I HOPE  
3 THAT THE POLICIES DO CHANGE AND THE PROCEDURES DO CHANGE AND  
4 THAT EVERYONE WHO DESERVES A SECOND CHANCE GETS IT. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME CALL UP EDWARD  
7 GARRETT, EDWARD GARRETT AND KIM MCGILL, KIM MCGILL. YES.

8

9 **DAWN ADAMSON:** HI. MY NAME IS DAWN ADAMSON AND I WORK WITH A  
10 NEW WAY OF LIFE REENTRY PROJECT AND A MEMBER OF ALL OF US OR  
11 NONE AND I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE  
12 APPLICATION PROCESS BE REVIEWED, REVISED AND IMPLEMENTED TO  
13 EMBRACE ALL APPLICANTS FAIRLY, BASED ON THEIR QUALIFICATIONS.  
14 AFTER BEING PERSONALLY SUBJECTED TO REJECTIONS AS A DIRECT  
15 RESULT OF MY PAST HISTORY, I WAS STRONGLY QUALIFIED FOR THE  
16 POSITIONS AND I WAS REJECTED AND REFUSED PROMOTIONS AS A  
17 RESULT. I THINK THAT THAT'S UNFAIR. I BELIEVE THAT A PERSON  
18 SHOULD BE JUDGED BASED ON THEIR MERIT AND NOT THEIR PAST  
19 HISTORY BECAUSE EVERYONE CAN CHANGE. I AM A RECOVERING  
20 ALCOHOLIC/ADDICT, I HAVE 13 YEARS OF RECOVERY AND I AM VERY  
21 PROUD OF MY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND I FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT MY  
22 QUALIFICATIONS. I THANK YOU, AGAIN, SO MUCH FOR HAVING ME  
23 HERE, SPEAK ON BEHALF OF EVERYONE THAT'S BEEN SHUNNED,  
24 EVERYONE THAT'S BEEN DAMAGED AS A RESULT OF THEIR PAST  
25 HISTORY. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO HEAR THIS STUDY, I ENCOURAGE YOU



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1 TO CHANGE THE WORDING ON THE APPLICATION. I BELIEVE THAT--  
2 OKAY. I'M-- ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR  
3 TIME.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** JAMES HARRIS. JAMES HARRIS. YES,  
6 MA'AM.

7

8 **KESHA BURTON:** HI. I'M KESHA BURTON. I WANT TO SAY GOOD  
9 AFTERNOON TO YOU ALL AND I REALLY DO APPRECIATE ALL OF YOU  
10 TAKING THE TIME TO LISTEN TO THE TESTIMONIES THAT YOU HAVE  
11 BEFORE YOU TODAY. AS A SUPPORTER OF A NEW WAY OF LIFE REENTRY  
12 PROJECT AND A MEMBER OF ALL OF US OR NONE, I'M HERE TODAY IN  
13 FAVOR OF THE FAIR EMPLOYMENT RESOLUTION. I URGE YOU TO ADOPT  
14 THE RESOLUTION TO BAN THE BOX TO AFFORD THOSE OF US WITH  
15 CRIMINAL RECORDS AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETELY TRANSITION BACK  
16 INTO BEING A PART OF AND CONTRIBUTE TO A PRODUCTIVE SOCIETY.  
17 I'M HERE BEFORE YOU AS A FORMER MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER WHO HAS  
18 HAD TO RESPOND TO THE BOX, THE BOX BEING THE QUESTION THAT  
19 ASKS, "HAVE YOU BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY, HAVE YOU BEEN  
20 CONVICTED OF A MISDEMEANOR OR HAVE YOU EVEN BEEN CONVICTED OF  
21 A CRIME?" I'M HERE WITH FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE OF EMPLOYMENT  
22 DISCRIMINATION, DESPITE MY QUALIFICATIONS, DESPITE MY JOB  
23 EXPERIENCE AND DESPITE THOSE PRAISES OF A JOB WELL DONE ON THE  
24 JOB. I'M HERE TO ENCOURAGE, TO URGE THAT YOU DO TAKE ALL OF  
25 THESE FACTS INTO CONSIDERATION BECAUSE, TIME AFTER TIME, WE,



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1 I, HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO BEING DISMISSED FROM A POSITION THAT  
2 I WAS QUALIFIED FOR, THAT I WAS PREPARED FOR AND THAT I COULD  
3 GROW IN AND, TIME AFTER TIME, THIS SENSE OF HOPE AND SECURITY  
4 IN MY LIFE, IN MY WORLD HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM ME BECAUSE OF A  
5 MISTAKE, BECAUSE OF A MISDEMEANOR THAT I'VE MADE IN THE PAST.  
6 TODAY, I ASK THAT YOU BAN THE BOX BECAUSE IT CONTINUES TO  
7 DISRUPT THE LIFE OF MYSELF AND THOSE AROUND ME. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. JUAN JIMENEZ.

10

11 **MATTIE SMITH:** MY NAME IS MATTIE AND..

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SAY IT AGAIN?

14

15 **MATTIE SMITH:** MATTIE. AND I'M A RECOVERED ADDICT AND I'M A  
16 CONVICTED FELON. IN 1984, I APPLIED FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH THE  
17 STATE OF CALIFORNIA AS AN OFFICE ASSISTANT AND, IN THAT BOX,  
18 THEY HAD A STATEMENT THAT SAID, DO NOT ANSWER THIS QUESTION  
19 UNLESS THE JOB YOU ARE APPLYING FOR WAS A PEACE OFFICER JOB.  
20 MOST DEFINITELY THAT WASN'T WHAT I WAS APPLYING FOR,  
21 THEREFORE, I DID NOT FILL THAT BOX. I WAS HIRED BY THE STATE  
22 OF CALIFORNIA IN JULY-- JUNE, I'M SORRY, OF 1984. I RETIRED  
23 FROM THAT JOB IN GOOD STANDING IN AUGUST OF 19-- I MEAN, 2005.  
24 I'M A SENIOR CITIZEN AND I HAVE A PENSION, HEALTHCARE AND A  
25 401(K) FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND I AM PROUD OF MY



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1 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND I THINK THAT MY MAIN THING IS THAT I  
2 DIDN'T ELIMINATE MYSELF FROM COMPETITION AND I GOT THAT JOB,  
3 BUT IT DOESN'T HAPPEN FOR EVERYONE. I KNOW PEOPLE WHO HAVE  
4 BEEN DENIED EMPLOYMENT JUST BECAUSE OF THEIR FORMERLY  
5 INCARCERATED CONDITION AND I HOPE THAT'S NOT THE CASE. WE'RE  
6 GOING TO GET GOOD AND BAD IN EVERY SITUATION BECAUSE WE'RE  
7 HUMAN BUT PLEASE SUPPORT AND CARRY THIS AMENDMENT. THANK YOU.  
8 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SMILE, MS. BURKE.

9

10 **EDWARD GARRETT:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS EDWARD GARRETT AND  
11 I'M A MEMBER OF AN ORGANIZATION CALLED EX-OFFENDER ACTION  
12 NETWORK AND WE DEDICATE OUR TIME TO GETTING-- SEEKING  
13 EMPLOYMENT FOR OTHER FORMERLY INCARCERATED PEOPLE AND TRAINING  
14 AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE IN ORDER TO SURVIVE. WELL, AND AS AN  
15 ADVOCATE FOR JOBS, I'M IN FAVOR OF REMOVING THE QUESTION,  
16 "HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY?" FROM THE COUNTY  
17 EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION. I'VE BEEN ONE OF THE FORTUNATE-- I'VE  
18 BEEN VERY FORTUNATE AFTER RETURNING FROM PRISON. IN 1984, I  
19 DID COMMIT A FELONY. WELL, I REALIZED ABOUT A YEAR AGO THAT I  
20 WAS CONSIDERING CHANGING JOBS. I'M AN I.T. PROFESSIONAL NOW  
21 AND I LOOK TO CHANGE-- I WAS CONSIDERING CHANGING MY POSITION  
22 BUT I REALIZED I'D HAVE TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION, I'D HAVE TO  
23 ANSWER "YES" TO "HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY?"  
24 EVEN THOUGH IT'S BEEN 22 YEARS AGO. SO FOR THAT REASON ALONE  
25 AND I KNOW THAT IT'S ONLY MY CASE, BUT LOTS OF US EX-



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1 OFFENDERS, FORMERLY INCARCERATED PEOPLE, ARE PRESENTED WITH  
2 THAT PROBLEM IF WE WANT TO GO FURTHER OR DO OTHER THINGS. AND,  
3 I MEAN, HOW LONG ARE WE TO BE PUNISHED OR NOT NECESSARILY  
4 PUNISHED BUT HOW LONG IS THIS TO BE OVER US AFTER-- I MEAN,  
5 THERE SHOULD BE, I THINK, SOME KIND OF A TIME LIMIT. IF YOU  
6 COMPLETE A PROCESS, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO BE CONSIDERED-- NOT  
7 HAVE TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION. AND, AGAIN, THANK YOU,  
8 SUPERVISORS, FOR CONSIDERING THIS FEASIBILITY STUDY.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. IS JAMES HARRIS HERE?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** HE HAD TO LEAVE FOR WORK.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND ELY FLORES? AND JUAN JIMENEZ AND  
15 CARLA SHAW AND KIM MCGILL. YOU'RE KIM?

16

17 **KIM MCGILL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. A LOT OF YOU GUYS KNOW US FROM THE  
18 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF ALL OF US OR  
19 NONE. AND I'M HERE TODAY TO SPEAK ABOUT MY OWN EXPERIENCES  
20 BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE EXPERIENCES OF ALL OUR YOUTH  
21 MEMBERS. I HAVE FELONY CONVICTIONS AS A JUVENILE AND  
22 MISDEMEANOR CONVICTIONS AS AN ADULT AND I THINK, AS MANY  
23 PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN HERE TODAY, STILL MOST OF US DREAD EVERY  
24 APPLICATION, EVERY CONVERSATION, EVERY POTENTIAL INTERVIEW  
25 WITH AN EMPLOYER. I WANT YOU TO IMAGINE BEING 14 OR 15, THOUGH





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1 AND BEING RELEASED FROM JUVENILE HALL OR PROBATION CAMP OR A  
2 LITTLE BIT OLDER, BEING RELEASED FROM CALIFORNIA YOUTH  
3 AUTHORITY. MOST OF THE TIME YOU'RE RELEASED WITH-- IF YOU'RE  
4 RELEASING FROM STATE PRISON OR CALIFORNIA YOUTH AUTHORITY,  
5 WITH A HUNDRED DOLLARS OR LESS IN YOUR POCKET, AND YOU'RE TOLD  
6 VERY CLEARLY THAT, IF YOU DON'T FIND A JOB, IMMEDIATE ACCESS  
7 TO EDUCATION AND HOUSING WITHIN A MATTER OF WEEKS, YOU'RE  
8 GOING TO BE VIOLATED AND YOU'RE GOING TO BE BACK INSIDE AND  
9 YOU'RE RELEASED TO A SYSTEM THAT BASICALLY HAS NO RESOURCES TO  
10 GIVE YOU ANY HELP WITH THAT. SO OUR MEMBERS WAIT MONTHS FOR  
11 TATTOO REMOVAL, WAIT MONTHS TO GET INTO EVEN THE COUNTY FUNDED  
12 JOBS, WHICH ARE INCREDIBLE, BUT WHICH ARE TOO FEW, INCLUDING  
13 MANY OF THE 63 ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE PART OF THE YOUTH  
14 JUSTICE COALITION. THEY ARE DENIED ACCESS TO FINANCIAL AID FOR  
15 MANY CONVICTIONS, SO THEY CAN'T EVEN PURSUE COLLEGE WITHOUT  
16 PAYING EXORBITANT RATES. FOR MANY YOUNG PEOPLE, NOT ONLY THEM  
17 BUT THEIR ENTIRE FAMILIES ARE KICKED OUT OF PUBLIC HOUSING IF  
18 THEY GO BACK TO LIVE WITH THEIR FAMILIES. THEY'RE DENIED  
19 ACCESS TO SECTION 8, THEY'RE DENIED ACCESS EVEN IN SOME CASES  
20 TO SHELTERS, DEPENDING ON THEIR CONVICTIONS. THEY'RE DENIED  
21 ACCESS, AS MANY PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY SPOKEN ABOUT, TO  
22 ENTITLEMENTS BUT THEY'RE ALSO DENIED ACCESS TO MANY, MANY  
23 SCHOOLS AND, IN SOME CASES, ARE EVICTED FROM ENTIRE SCHOOL  
24 DISTRICTS BASED ON THEIR CONVICTIONS, EVEN IF THOSE  
25 CONVICTIONS DIDN'T HAPPEN AT THE SCHOOL SETTING. SO YOU'RE



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1 TELLING PEOPLE TO BASICALLY COMPLETE IMPOSSIBLE TASKS. IN  
2 ADDITION, L.A. SPENDS THE LEAST AMOUNT OF ANY MAJOR CITY IN  
3 THE UNITED STATES ON JOB TRAINING, YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND JOB  
4 PLACEMENT, SO THEY'RE ALREADY COMPETING IN A MARKET WHERE  
5 THERE'S THE LARGEST YOUTH POPULATION IN THE COUNTRY AND THE  
6 FEWEST ACCESSES AND RESOURCES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. FINALLY, MANY,  
7 MANY YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION WOULD MAKE  
8 INCREDIBLE PROBATION OFFICERS, WOULD MAKE INCREDIBLE  
9 COUNSELORS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE GOING THROUGH THE SYSTEM BECAUSE  
10 THEY THEMSELVES, WE'VE ALL EXPERIENCED THE SYSTEM AND MANY  
11 STUDIES HAVE PROVEN THAT YOUNG PEOPLE THAT HAVE GONE THROUGH  
12 SYSTEM EXPERIENCES ARE IDEAL TO WORK WITH OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE  
13 BUT THEY'RE AUTOMATICALLY DENIED ACCESS EVER TO APPLYING FOR  
14 JOBS IN ANY KIND OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, INCLUDING WORKING AS  
15 COUNSELORS IN THE JUVENILE HALLS AND PROBATION CAMPS. MANY OF  
16 THEM DO THAT VOLUNTARILY AND DO AS GOOD A JOB AND RECEIVE  
17 RECOGNITION AND CERTIFICATES FROM THE COUNTY FOR THEIR  
18 VOLUNTEER WORK BUT CAN'T APPLY FOR POSITIONS THERE. FINALLY,  
19 WE CREATED A-- LOOKED AT WHAT L.A. COUNTY WAS NUMBER ONE IN  
20 THAT'S HARMFUL TO YOUNG PEOPLE AND WE FOUND THAT L.A. COUNTY  
21 IS NUMBER ONE IN, AS WELL AS SURROUNDING COUNTIES, IN THE  
22 MANUFACTURE OF WEAPONS AND SMALL GUNS, INCLUDING THE MAJORITY  
23 OF THE GUNS THAT CREATE THE CONFLICT AND THE MURDERS IN OUR  
24 COMMUNITIES. WE'RE NUMBER ONE IN ALL FIVE MAJOR DRUG MARKETS  
25 WORLDWIDE, WE'RE THE NUMBER ONE CITY IN ALL FIVE MAJOR DRUG



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1    MARKETS. AND WE'RE NUMBER ONE WORLDWIDE IN THE DISTRIBUTION  
2    AND CREATION OF PORNOGRAPHY AND NONE OF THOSE PROFESSIONS EVER  
3    ASKED ANY OF OUR MEMBERS WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE A CRIMINAL  
4    CONVICTION. THEY WELCOME US WITH OPEN ARMS. SO I GUESS WHAT  
5    WE'RE TRYING TO PRESSURE YOU OR PUSH YOU TO CONSIDER IS THAT  
6    YOUNG PEOPLE ARE ASKED TO MAKE IT ON THE OUTSIDE WITHOUT ANY  
7    RESOURCES, AND THAT OUR CONVICTIONS ARE NOT JUST FOR THE SIX  
8    MONTHS WE SPEND AT CAMP OR THE TWO YEARS WE SPEND AT C.Y.A.  
9    BUT THEY'RE LIFETIME CONVICTIONS AND THAT WITHOUT THE BOX  
10    DISAPPEARING FROM APPLICATIONS NOT ONLY FOR EMPLOYMENT BUT  
11    FINANCIAL AID, HOUSING AND ENTITLEMENTS, WE CANNOT MAKE IT ON  
12    THE OUTSIDE. WE REALLY URGE YOU TO HELP US WITH THIS CRUCIAL  
13    MATTER. [ APPLAUSE ]

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15    **ELY FLORES:** MY NAME IS ELY FLORES AND I'M WITH THE  
16    ORGANIZERS/YOUTH COORDINATOR FOR THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION.

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18    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AMANDA PEREZ. AMANDA PEREZ.

19

20    **ELY FLORES:** AND, ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO, I WAS STRUCK WITH THE  
21    NEWS THAT I WAS GOING TO BE A FATHER AND I DID NOT WANT TO BE  
22    LIKE MY FATHER, SO I DECIDED TO GO OUT AND LOOK FOR A JOB. I  
23    SUBMITTED ABOUT 30 APPLICATIONS TO COMPANIES LIKE ROBINSON,  
24    MAYS, WAL-MART, RITE AID, OLD NAVY AND ET CETERA AND I WAS NOT  
25    HIRED BECAUSE THEY FOCUSED ON MY CRIMINAL PAST RATHER THAN



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1 FOCUSED ON MY ASSETS. I WENT MONTHS SEARCHING FOR A JOB UNTIL  
2 I WAS HIRED BY AN ORGANIZATIONS LIKE LA CASA YOUTH IN EAST LOS  
3 ANGELES, YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION AND PUBLIC ALLIES LOS  
4 ANGELES, BECAUSE THEY FOCUSED ON MY ASSETS RATHER THAN FOCUSED  
5 ON MY CRIMINAL PAST. IN A YEAR AND A HALF, I'VE ACCOMPLISHED  
6 MANY THINGS. I OBTAINED MY G.E.D., HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, I'M IN  
7 COLLEGE, I'VE DONE MORE THAN... [ APPLAUSE ] [ GAVEL ]

8

9 **ELY FLORES:** I'VE DONE MORE THAN A THOUSAND HOURS OF COMMUNITY  
10 SERVICE, I HAVE RECEIVED CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION FROM HEY LA  
11 SOLICE, I HAVE LOBBIED IN SACRAMENTO FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE, I  
12 MET WITH JOHN KERRY IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND I TEACH  
13 LEADERSHIP TRAINING IN YOUNG PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES AND ET  
14 CETERA. SO, IN CLOSING, I ASK THAT YOU THINK ABOUT MY LIFE  
15 STORY AND YOU THINK ABOUT ALL THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE AND ALL THOSE  
16 PEOPLE THAT WANT THAT SECOND CHANCE TO BE PRODUCTIVE TO THEIR  
17 COMMUNITIES RATHER THAN SELL DRUGS AND ROB PEOPLE TO FEED  
18 THEIR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. SO, IN CLOSING, JUST BAN THE BOX  
19 TO DISCRIMINATION. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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21 **AMANDA PEREZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS AMANDA PEREZ. I'M  
22 WITH HALEY LANTE. MOVING FORWARD, I AM A FORMER PRISONER  
23 NUMBER ONE. I'VE BEEN OUT SINCE 1992. I'M AN EDUCATOR, I WORK  
24 WITH PAROLEES, I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THEM FOR THE LAST 15  
25 YEARS. FOR THE LAST 16-- I WOULD SAY FOR THE LAST SIX YEARS,



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1 BESIDE MYSELF, THE EXPERIENCE I'VE HAD LOOKING FOR A JOB,  
2 BEING OUSTED FROM VARIOUS JOBS, I'M HERE TO HOPEFULLY FIND AND  
3 ALSO SUPPORT YVONNE BURKE'S RESOLUTION TO BAN THE BOX. MANY OF  
4 OUR STUDENTS, INCLUDING MYSELF, WHEN THEY FEAR GETTING--  
5 LOSING THEIR JOBS OR NOT EVEN GETTING HIRED, IT BECOMES A BIG  
6 ISSUE TO THE COMMUNITY AS WELL AS TO THE ENVIRONMENT, AS WELL  
7 AS TAXPAYERS. SO THERE NEEDS TO BE A CHANGE. IT'S REALLY  
8 UNFORTUNATE THAT YOU DO YOUR TIME, YOU GET OUT, YOU TRY TO  
9 CHANGE YOUR LIFE AND YOU RUN INTO THESE OBSTACLES BECAUSE  
10 YOU'VE DONE A FELONY. PEOPLE LIKE MYSELF THAT ACTUALLY CHANGED  
11 THEIR LIVES AND TRIED TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT PAY FOR THE  
12 REST OF THEIR LIVES. AND SO, BY THIS RESOLUTION, I THINK IT'S  
13 A BEGINNING OF OUR OWN EVEN HUMAN RIGHTS, OUR OWN HUMAN RIGHTS  
14 TO LIVE WITH DIGNITY, TO LIVE WITH RESPECT, TO LIVE JUST LIKE  
15 ANYBODY ELSE. SO I'M ADVOCATING THAT YOU BAN THE BOX, THAT YOU  
16 CHANGE THAT WORDING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BECAUSE WE'RE JUST  
17 LOSING A LOT OF MONEY, A LOT OF MONEY, WITH PEOPLE THAT JUST  
18 CAN'T FIND A JOB. I'M FOR BANNING THE BOX.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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22 **SUP. BURKE:** YES. WE INTRODUCED THIS BECAUSE WE KNOW MORE AND  
23 MORE JURISDICTIONS ARE REALIZING THAT MANY APPLICANTS ARE JUST  
24 TURNED AWAY, GOOD APPLICANTS, FROM JOBS BECAUSE THEY ARE  
25 AFRAID TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION. PARTICULARLY THIS HAS AN



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1 IMPACT IN TERMS OF MINORITY COMMUNITIES, WHERE  
2 DISPROPORTIONATELY LARGE NUMBERS OF PARTICULARLY MALES GO  
3 THROUGH THE JAIL SYSTEM, IN MANY INSTANCE, FOUND INNOCENT, IN  
4 OTHERS, FOUND GUILTY AND POSSIBLY SERVE BUT THE IMPORTANT  
5 THING IS THAT WE, FIRST OF ALL, DON'T DISCOURAGE PEOPLE FROM  
6 APPLYING TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THAT'S THE FIRST THING.  
7 SO, THAT WHEN YOU HAVE YOUNG PEOPLE, THEY'LL SAY, "WELL, I'LL  
8 APPLY BECAUSE I KNOW THAT I DO HAVE A CHANCE TO GET A JOB IF  
9 THAT JOB DOES NOT REQUIRE ME TO BE IN A POSITION WHERE IT  
10 WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR ME TO HAVE THE RECORD THAT I HAVE  
11 AND WHERE YOU WOULD LOOK AT EACH INDIVIDUAL CHARGE, INDIVIDUAL  
12 CONVICTION AND DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THAT  
13 PROHIBITION FROM THAT CANDIDATE SERVING IN THAT POSITION." SO,  
14 YOU KNOW, THAT'S THE REASON THAT I'M REALLY INTRODUCING THIS  
15 IS BECAUSE, TODAY, IT HAS BECOME VERY EVIDENT, IN TERMS OF  
16 HUMAN RESOURCES, THAT JURISDICTIONS ARE LOOKING AT HAVING SOME  
17 KIND OF, FIRST OF ALL, ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO APPLY RATHER THAN  
18 DISCOURAGING THEM BUT ALSO DETERMINING WHAT POSITIONS SHOULD A  
19 PERSON BE PROHIBITED FROM TAKING IF THEY HAVE A-- MAYBE A  
20 CONVICTION, MAYBE JUST AN ARREST AND SO THIS IS WHAT WE'RE  
21 TRYING TO DO, IS TO LOOK AT THE FEASIBILITY. NOW, SOMEONE  
22 ASKED ME WHETHER OR NOT THIS APPLIES TO THE SHERIFF OR TO  
23 STATE POLICE OR TO OUR COUNTY POLICE AND THE ANSWER IS, IN  
24 TERMS OF WHETHER OR NOT YOU WOULD DISCLOSE AND THE FIRST  
25 PLACE, YES, THIS APPLIES TO EVERYONE IN THE COUNTY BUT, IF THE





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1 SHERIFF, OUR COUNTY POLICE, DETERMINE THEY ONLY WANT TO HIRE  
2 PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO ARRESTS OR NO CONVICTIONS, THEY WOULD  
3 DETERMINE THAT IT WAS NOT FEASIBLE TO HIRE PEOPLE BUT THEY  
4 WOULD FIND THAT OUT AFTER THE PERSON HAS HAD A CHANCE TO APPLY  
5 AND TO LOOK AT THE INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATE OR TO SET UP A POLICY  
6 THAT RELATES TO THE DUTIES THAT PERSON WOULD PERFORM. NOW,  
7 MANY LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTITIES ARE LOOKING AT CHANGING THEIR  
8 POLICIES AS IT RELATES TO MINOR DRUG OFFENSES, MARIJUANA  
9 OFFENSES THAT HAVE BEEN JUST TICKETS RATHER THAN ACTUALLY A  
10 CONVICTION. MANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES REALIZE THAT THERE  
11 ARE MANY YOUNG PEOPLE OR MANY APPLICANTS WHO COME BACK FROM  
12 IRAQ OR WHEREVER THEY COME BACK FROM AND THAT THEY WANT TO  
13 CONSIDER, BUT THEY HAVE THESE PROHIBITIONS THAT PREVENT THEM  
14 FROM EVEN LOOKING AT IT. AND, IN THIS SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
15 WHERE THEY SAY THEY CAN'T FIND PEOPLE, OUR COUNTY POLICE SAY  
16 THEY CAN'T FIND ANYONE, I'M SURE THAT THEY'RE INTERESTED IN  
17 LOOKING AT DIFFERENT APPROACHES. ONE OF THE THINGS IN OUR  
18 OFFICE WE HAVE HAD TO DO, KNOWING IN OUR DISTRICT THERE ARE  
19 MANY YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE CONVICTION RATINGS OR WHO HAVE HAD  
20 ARRESTS, WHAT WE'VE HAD TO DO IS TO IDENTIFY EMPLOYERS WHO  
21 WILL TAKE A PERSON WHO HAS HAD AN ARREST OR A CONVICTION AND  
22 WE HAVE FOUND, WITH THOSE EMPLOYERS, AND MANY OF THEM ARE  
23 PEOPLE WORKING IN PUBLIC PLACES YOU COME IN CONTACT WITH THAT  
24 THEY HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB AND THEY HAVE NOT COME BACK TO US  
25 AND SAID, "DON'T SEND US ANY MORE PEOPLE WHO HAVE A





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1 CONVICTION," AND WHETHER IT'S IN CONSTRUCTION, WHETHER IT'S IN  
2 THE SERVICE INDUSTRIES, WE HAVE A LIST OF EMPLOYERS THAT WE  
3 CAN SEND PEOPLE TO WHO HAVE HAD ARRESTS OR CONVICTIONS AND  
4 WE'VE HAD A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH THOSE EMPLOYERS. SO WHAT  
5 I'M SAYING IS THAT WE SHOULD LOOK AT THIS. WE SHOULD HAVE A  
6 POLICY THAT IS MORE RELATED TO TODAY RATHER THAN 30 YEARS AGO.  
7 I HAVE TO REMEMBER, WHEN I SERVED IN THE ASSEMBLY, THEY WERE  
8 TALKING ABOUT WHETHER YOU COULD APPLY TO BE A COSMETOLOGIST  
9 AND MANY PEOPLE SAID, WELL, YOU SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO APPLY TO  
10 BE A COSMETOLOGIST OR BARBER IF YOU'VE HAD ANY ARRESTS OR  
11 CONVICTIONS AND ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES SAID, I DON'T KNOW  
12 WHETHER THIS IS APPROPRIATE TO SAY THIS BUT THEY SAID, "WHAT  
13 KIND OF HAIR ARE THEY GOING TO BE SHAVING THAT YOU HAVE TO  
14 HAVE THAT KIND OF A LIMITATION ON WHETHER A PERSON IS A BARBER  
15 OR WHETHER THAT PERSON IS A COSMETOLOGIST?" AND I THINK  
16 THAT'S, REALLY, WHEN I FIRST REALIZED SOMETIMES WHAT YOU  
17 PROHIBIT SHOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO WHAT THE PERSON IS GOING TO  
18 BE DOING AND WHETHER IT'S LICENSING OR WHETHER IT'S JUST  
19 SIMPLY A JOB APPLICATION. I THINK THAT WE HAVE RESPONDED TO  
20 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WHO SAYS, WE'VE INSERTED "ANY" INTO IT  
21 AND I WOULD MOVE IT.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME SAY THAT THE MOTION BEFORE US  
24 TODAY IS TO ELIMINATE THE QUESTION REGARDING CRIMINAL  
25 CONVICTIONS FROM THE COUNTY'S EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION TO



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1 INCREASE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR QUALIFIED EX-OFFENDERS  
2 BUT THE FACT IS, HAVING A CRIMINAL CONVICTION IS NOT AN  
3 AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFIER FOR QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WITH THE  
4 EXCEPTION OF THOSE IN PUBLIC SAFETY. THE COUNTY APPLICATION,  
5 AS IT STANDS TODAY, CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING DISCLAIMER. "NOT  
6 ALL CONVICTIONS CONSTITUTE AN AUTOMATIC BAR TO EMPLOYMENT.  
7 FACTORS SUCH AS YOUR AGE AT THE TIME OF THE OFFENSES OR  
8 OFFENSE AND THE RECENCY OF OFFENSE OR OFFENSES WILL BE TAKEN  
9 INTO ACCOUNT, AS WELL AS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE OFFENSE  
10 OR OFFENSES AND THE JOB OR JOBS WHICH YOU APPLY." THE FACT OF  
11 THE MATTER IS THAT THE COUNTY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY  
12 EMPLOYER, WHICH IS ALSO CLEARLY STATED ON THE APPLICATION, AND  
13 WHETHER THE DISCLOSURE OF A CRIMINAL CONVICTION IS AT THE  
14 FRONT END OR AT THE BACK END, THE CANDIDATE IS QUALIFIED FOR  
15 THE JOB, HE OR SHE WILL HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY, AN EQUAL  
16 OPPORTUNITY. ACCORDING TO THE REVIEW ALREADY DONE BY OUR HUMAN  
17 RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, AND I WOULD HOPE MIKE HENRY WOULD COME  
18 UP BECAUSE WE WANT TO ASK HIM SOME QUESTIONS, THE QUESTION AND  
19 THE DISCLAIMER CONTAINED IN OUR CURRENT APPLICATION ARE  
20 CONSISTENT WITH THE GUIDELINES OF THE U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT  
21 OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION AND THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FAIR  
22 EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING. COUNTY COUNSEL HAS CONCURRED WITH  
23 HUMAN RESOURCES THAT THE CURRENT LANGUAGE IN OUR APPLICATION  
24 IS APPROPRIATE. THE COUNTY IS NOT ONLY WITHIN THE LAW BUT HAS  
25 BEEN PROACTIVE IN MAKING APPROPRIATE CHANGES WHEN NECESSARY,



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1 SUCH AS ADDING THE LANGUAGE ABOUT A WORKERS' COMPENSATION  
2 FRAUD. THE COUNTY HAS ALSO BEEN VERY PROACTIVE IN CREATING  
3 ADDITIONAL AVENUES FOR EX-OFFENDERS IN SECURING JOBS SUCH AS  
4 ONGOING EX-OFFENDER JOB AND RESOURCE FARES HOSTED BY CCJCC AND  
5 THE JOB PLACEMENT PROGRAM FACILITATED BY THE COMMUNITY AND  
6 SENIOR SERVICES COUNTYWIDE. THESE OPPORTUNITIES NOT ONLY  
7 INCLUDE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EMPLOYERS, INCLUDING THE COUNTY OF  
8 LOS ANGELES, MR. HENRY, YOUR APRIL 25TH MEMO TO THE BOARD  
9 STATES THAT CURRENT APPLICATION MEETS EEOC AND DFEH  
10 REQUIREMENTS. IS THAT CORRECT?

11

12 **MICHAEL J. HENRY:** THAT IS CORRECT, MAYOR, AND MEMBERS OF THE  
13 BOARD. OUR APPLICATION PROCESS IS CONSISTENT WITH STATE AND  
14 FEDERAL LAW AND THE SECTION THAT YOU READ EARLIER IS PART OF  
15 OUR STANDARD APPLICATION.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND YOUR MEMO ALSO INDICATED THAT YOU  
18 AND COUNTY COUNSEL AGREE THAT ASKING ABOUT A CRIMINAL  
19 CONVICTION ON THE APPLICATION IS APPROPRIATE?

20

21 **MICHAEL J. HENRY:** YES, WE BELIEVE IT IS APPROPRIATE. WE ALSO,  
22 IN THAT REPORT, SURVEYED THE STATE AND-- EXCUSE ME, THE COUNTY  
23 AND CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO TO SEE WHAT THEY WERE DOING IN THAT  
24 PARTICULAR AREA AND WHAT WE FOUND THUS FAR, AND THEY'RE STILL  
25 GOING THROUGH THEIR PROCESS, IS THAT THEY ARE ASKING OR AT



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1 LEAST THE INFORMATION WE GOT, ASKING FOR A CRIMINAL HISTORY,  
2 NOT PART OF THE APPLICATION, THOUGH, BUT AS A SEPARATE  
3 DOCUMENT LATER IN THE PROCESS.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU INDICATE THAT-- DO YOU HAVE ANY  
6 INFORMATION FROM THE STAFF OR DEPARTMENT HEADS THAT QUALIFIED  
7 EX-OFFENDERS ARE REFRAINING FROM APPLYING BECAUSE OF THAT  
8 QUESTION?

9

10 **MICHAEL J. HENRY:** THAT IS A TOUGH QUESTION TO ANSWER BECAUSE  
11 WE GET, OH, WITHIN MY SHOP ALONE, ABOUT 39,000 APPLICATIONS A  
12 YEAR. COUNTYWIDE, SOMEWHERE AROUND 50,000 APPLICATIONS. NOW,  
13 SOME EMPLOYEES APPLY FOR MORE THAN ONE JOB AND THAT'S  
14 ALLOWABLE UNDER OUR RULES. IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE  
15 WHETHER SOMEONE IS ACTUALLY NOT GIVEN FAIR NOTICE OF THEIR  
16 APPLICATION AND SO FORTH BECAUSE OF CRIMINAL BACKGROUND BUT IT  
17 IS AGAINST COUNTY POLICY FOR THEM TO DO SO, FOR MANAGEMENT TO  
18 DO SO.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ON ITEM NUMBER TWO, ON THE AMENDMENT,  
21 DOESN'T THAT ASSUME THAT WE HAVE A PROBLEM NOW, WHERE IT SAYS,  
22 "EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING AN APPLICATION  
23 PROCESS WHICH DOES NOT DETER QUALIFIED AND REHABILITATIVE  
24 INDIVIDUALS FROM APPLYING FOR EMPLOYMENT. SUCH REVIEW SHOULD  
25 INCLUDED BUT NOT LIMITED TO AN EXAMINATION OF THE COUNTY AND



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1 CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO'S RECENTLY MODIFIED EMPLOYMENT  
2 APPLICATION PROCESSES"?

3

4 **MICHAEL J. HENRY:** YEAH. MR. MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
5 YES, I WOULD REFRAIN FROM MAKING ANY-- OR RECOMMEND THAT YOU  
6 REFRAIN FROM MANY ANY STATEMENT ABOUT OUR CURRENT APPLICATION  
7 PROCESS, WHICH IS A LEGAL PROCESS, BUT I DO SUPPORT A  
8 FEASIBILITY STUDY TO LOOK AT THIS TO SEE HOW WE MIGHT BE ABLE  
9 TO IMPROVE IT AND MAKE IT EASIER FOR OUR CONSTITUENTS TO APPLY  
10 FOR COUNTY JOBS.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW, NUMBER THREE, THAT AMENDMENT ALSO  
13 ASSUMES THERE IS DISCRIMINATION NOW. IF WE'RE ABLE TO DO THIS,  
14 IT SHOULD COME AFTER YOUR ANALYSIS AND ONLY IF THAT SHOWS THAT  
15 WE HAVE PROBLEMS.

16

17 **MICHAEL J. HENRY:** YEAH. I WOULD SUPPORT A FEASIBILITY STUDY. I  
18 THINK THAT WE HAVEN'T LOOKED AT OUR APPLICATION PROCESS IN  
19 SOME TIME, AT LEAST I THINK IT'S PROBABLY BEEN ABOUT FIVE  
20 YEARS, SO I CERTAINLY WOULD SUPPORT A FEASIBILITY STUDY AND  
21 WHATEVER THAT COMES OUT OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDY AND  
22 RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD BE BEFORE YOUR BOARD TO IMPLEMENT.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THE STUDY BUT  
25 ON POINTS TWO, THREE AND FOUR, I WOULD OPPOSE THOSE, SO, IF



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1 THIS ISSUE IS TO BE VOTED ON, I WOULD ASK THAT THEY BE  
2 BIFURCATED SO WE COULD VOTE.

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO ASK-- I'M SORRY.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TWO IS A FEASIBILITY REPORT, FOR LACK OF  
9 BETTER TERMINOLOGY. IS THAT THE WAY YOU READ THIS?

10

11 **MICHAEL J. HENRY:** YES. I READ IT AS A FEASIBILITY REPORT BUT  
12 IT SAYS-- LET ME READ IT AND THEN-- IT SAYS, "EXAMINE THE  
13 FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING AN APPLICATION PROCESS WHICH DOES  
14 NOT DETER QUALIFIED AND REHABILITATED INDIVIDUALS FROM  
15 APPLYING FROM EMPLOYMENT." I READ THAT TO MAYBE SUGGEST THAT  
16 WE CURRENTLY DO DO THAT, AND WE DON'T KNOW THAT TO BE THE CASE  
17 AT THIS POINT IN TIME. I WOULD SUPPORT THE FEASIBILITY STUDY,  
18 THOUGH, TO DETERMINE WHETHER THAT IS PART OF A PROBLEM OR NOT.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, WOULD YOU FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE IF, AT  
21 THE END OF THAT SENTENCE, "...DOES NOT DETER QUALIFIED AND  
22 REHABILITATED INDIVIDUALS FROM APPLYING FOR EMPLOYMENT WHERE  
23 SUCH IS THE CASE"? WOULD THAT MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER?

24

25 **MICHAEL J. HENRY:** YES.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT'S FINE.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M SURE NONE OF US WOULD HAVE ANY PROBLEM  
5 WITH THAT. OKAY. SO LET'S ADD THAT, AFTER EMPLOYMENT, "WHEN  
6 SUCH IS THE CASE", PERIOD. THEN ITEM 3 IS THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
7 RECOMMENDATIONS, DO YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEM WITH ITEM 3? WE  
8 INSERTED THE WORD "ANY" BEFORE "UNFAIR" IN THERE.

9

10 **MICHAEL J. HENRY:** ANY, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE ANY IN THERE,  
11 RIGHT.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** WE'VE AGREED TO THAT.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THAT WE DIDN'T-- WE PRESUMED THAT THERE  
16 WERE-- YEAH, SO THAT'S ALREADY-- MS. BURKE ALREADY PUT THAT  
17 IN.

18

19 **MICHAEL J. HENRY:** I'M OKAY WITH THAT.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THEN ITEM 4.

22

23 **MICHAEL J. HENRY:** 4 IS FINE. IT'S A 45-DAY REPORT.

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1   **SUP. BURKE:** YOU INDICATED YOU HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE  
2   PEOPLE IN SAN FRANCISCO.

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4   **MICHAEL J. HENRY:** YES, EARLY ON AND PRIOR TO MY APRIL 25TH  
5   REPORT.

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7   **SUP. BURKE:** AND THEY'RE NOT THE ONLY JURISDICTION, ARE THEY,  
8   THAT ARE LOOKING AT CHANGING THIS APPROACH?

9

10   **MICHAEL J. HENRY:** WE UNDERSTAND THERE ARE SEVERAL OTHER  
11   JURISDICTIONS THAT ARE LOOKING AT THIS ISSUE AND WE WOULD FIND  
12   OUT WHO THEY ARE AND CONTACT THEM IN THE FEASIBILITY STUDY AND  
13   REPORT THAT BACK TO YOUR BOARD AS WELL.

14

15   **SUP. BURKE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I THINK THAT IT'S SOMETIMES GOOD TO  
16   BE IN THE ENLIGHTENED GROUP IN TERMS OF APPROACHING HUMAN  
17   RESOURCES ISSUES AND WE HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THAT ANY PERSON WHO  
18   HAS AN ARREST OR A CONVICTION MAY THINK TWICE BEFORE THEY FILE  
19   AN APPLICATION. NOW, YOU SAY THAT NO ONE IS BEING DETERRED  
20   BECAUSE WE HAVE IT ON THE APPLICATION. IF YOU GO OUT AND TALK  
21   TO THOSE PEOPLE, SUCH AS THE KIND OF TESTIMONY WE'VE HEARD  
22   TODAY, YOU'LL FIND THAT MANY YOUNG PEOPLE ARE DETERRED AND DO  
23   NOT APPLY FOR ANY NUMBER OF THINGS. AND... [ APPLAUSE ]

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1   **SUP. BURKE:** ...IT'S A MATTER THAT-- I'M NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT  
2   HERE IN THE COUNTY. THIS YOUNG MAN SAID THAT, EVEN IN THE  
3   DEPARTMENT STORE, HE TRIED TO APPLY FOR-- DEPARTMENT STORES,  
4   ALL KINDS OF PLACES, AND THEY SAID NO, THAT THEY REQUIRED THAT  
5   THE PERSON-- THEY WERE PROHIBITED IF THEY HAD AN ARREST OR  
6   CONVICTION. SO SOMETIMES WE HAVE TO BE PART OF THE ENLIGHTENED  
7   AS WE MOVE FORWARD AND I THINK THAT'S PARTS OF THE  
8   RESPONSIBILITIES OF GOVERNMENT BECAUSE, WHEN GOVERNMENT MOVES  
9   FORWARD, THEN OTHER ENTITIES WILL RECOGNIZE THAT MAYBE WE HAVE  
10  BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN DOING THIS AND YOU SAY THAT THERE ARE  
11  PEOPLE WHO ARE HIRED WHO HAVE ARRESTS OR CONVICTIONS IN THE  
12  COUNTY AND ARE DOING A GOOD JOB. I'M HAPPY TO HEAR THAT. I  
13  DON'T-- I DO KNOW THAT THERE ARE OTHERS WHO ARE DETERRED, SO I  
14  WOULD URGE AN AYE VOTE ON THIS AND I MOVE IT, WITH THE CHANGES  
15  THAT HAVE BEEN SUGGESTED AND THAT I'VE ACCEPTED.

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17   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COULD I JUST ASK ONE QUESTION. WHEN  
18  SOMEBODY, JUST HYPOTHETICALLY, HAS A CONVICTION FOR ROBBERY,  
19  BANK ROBBERY, I'M JUST PICKING ONE OUT OF THE HAT AND THEY  
20  APPLY FOR A JOB IN THE TREASURER'S OFFICE, HOW WILL YOU DEAL  
21  WITH THAT? HOW WILL YOU KNOW, UNDER THIS-- OR YOU HAVEN'T  
22  DEVELOPED A PLAN YET BUT...

23

24   **MICHAEL J. HENRY:** YOU MEAN UNDER OUR CURRENT SYSTEM OR...?

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, BOTH.

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3    **MICHAEL J. HENRY:** LET ME EXPLAIN ON THE CURRENT SYSTEM. ONE OF  
4    THE TESTS THAT WE USE IS, IS THERE A NEXUS TO THE JOB? DID THE  
5    CRIME THAT WAS COMMITTED AND THE INDIVIDUAL CONVICTED OF, IS  
6    THAT CRIME IN ANY WAY ASSOCIATED WITH THE JOB THAT THEY'RE  
7    BEING HIRED FOR? SO YOUR EXAMPLE OF A ROBBERY, BURGLARY AND  
8    WHETHER THEY WOULD HIRE HIM IN THE TREASURER'S OFFICE, THAT  
9    WOULD BE ONE TEST THAT THEY WOULD LOOK AT. ANOTHER TEST THEY  
10   WOULD LOOK AT IS WHEN DID IT HAPPEN. WE MAY HAVE AN INDIVIDUAL  
11   BEFORE US THAT MIGHT BE IN THEIR LATE 20S OR 30S AND THIS  
12   MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED WHEN THEY WERE IN THEIR TEENS AND THERE  
13   HAS BEEN NO OTHER CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. SO THOSE ARE THE KINDS OF  
14   TESTS THAT WE GO THROUGH.

15

16   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. SO, UNDER THE PROPOSED POLICY THAT WE  
17   HAVE BEFORE US OR THAT YOU'RE GOING TO STUDY, AND PRESENT US  
18   WITH A REPORT ON BASED ON SUPERVISOR BURKE'S MOTION, HOW WOULD  
19   MR. SALADINO, OUR COUNTY TREASURER, BE ABLE TO DISCERN THAT  
20   SOMEBODY MAY HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF BANK ROBBERY IN THE LAST  
21   THREE YEARS OR HAS JUST BEEN RELEASED? I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE  
22   THRESHOLD WILL BE BUT YOU KNOW WHAT I'M GETTING AT.

23

24   **MICHAEL J. HENRY:** YEAH. THE ONLY EXAMPLE THAT I CAN GIVE AT  
25   THIS POINT IN TIME, BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T DEVELOPED WHAT OUR NEW



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1 SYSTEM WOULD LOOK LIKE, IS TO LOOK AT WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE  
2 SAN FRANCISCO SYSTEM AS IT WAS REPORTED IN MY APRIL 24TH...

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU KNOW HOW SAN FRANCISCO WOULD HANDLE  
5 THAT KIND OF A SITUATION?

6

7 **MICHAEL J. HENRY:** WELL, WE WERE LOOKING AT THEIR PROPOSAL AND  
8 IT WAS STILL IN DRAFT AT THE TIME, SO THEY MAY HAVE MADE  
9 MODIFICATIONS TO IT. HOWEVER, THE WAY THEY WOULD-- I'VE GOTTEN  
10 LOST IN MY OWN QUESTION, I'M SORRY.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW WOULD SAN FRANCISCO HANDLE THE ISSUE OF  
13 DISCERNING WHETHER A BANK ROBBER...

14

15 **MICHAEL J. HENRY:** OH, THANK YOU. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT  
16 THEY ARE STILL REQUIRING A CRIMINAL HISTORY FORM. IT'S NOT  
17 PART-- IT'S NOT PART OF THE INITIAL APPLICATION BUT IT IS A  
18 FORM THAT THEY WILL REQUEST LATER ON IN THE APPLICATION  
19 PROCESS AND THAT IS WHERE THEY WILL THEN MAKE THEIR  
20 DETERMINATION. SO THEY STILL REQUEST THE INFORMATION.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IT'S NOT THAT THE COUNTY WOULD NOT BE  
23 ABLE TO GET THIS INFORMATION, IT WOULD JUST GET IT AT THE  
24 MORE-- WHERE THERE'S A NEXUS OR GET IT LATER IN THE PROCESS  
25 AND BE ABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE'S A NEXUS BUT, AT THE



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1     STARTING LINE, IT WOULD NOT ACT AS A DETERRENT IF SUCH A  
2     DETERRENT EXISTS, IT WOULD NOT ACT AS A DETERRENT IN THE BASIC  
3     APPLICATION FOR COUNTY JOBS.

4

5     **MICHAEL J. HENRY:** RIGHT. I THINK WHAT THEY'RE TRYING TO  
6     ACCOMPLISH IS BASIC APPLICATION WOULD BE VERY GENERAL AND  
7     THEN, AS THE INDIVIDUALS GO THROUGH THE PROCESS, THEN THEY  
8     WOULD GET THE MORE SPECIFICS AS IT RELATES TO THE CRIMINAL  
9     HISTORY AND SO FORTH AND A DETERMINATION MADE AT THAT TIME.  
10    THAT'S THE WAY WE UNDERSTAND THEIR PROCESS WORKS.

11

12    **SUP. BURKE:** MAY I JUST ASK A QUESTION. YOU SAY THAT YOU LOOK  
13    AT WHEN IT OCCURRED, THE AGE, THE CIRCUMSTANCES. THAT'S NOT ON  
14    THE INITIAL APPLICATION, THOUGH, IS IT?

15

16    **MICHAEL J. HENRY:** OH, ON OUR INITIAL APPLICATION, THERE'S A  
17    LOT OF INFORMATION THAT WE ASK. IF THEY CHECK THE BOX THAT  
18    THEY'VE BEEN CONVICTED OF A MISDEMEANOR OR A FELONY OR BY  
19    MILITARY COURT, CRIMINAL COURT, THEN THERE IS A SECTION THERE  
20    THAT HAS A LOT OF DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT WAS THE  
21    CRIME AND THE DATE OF THE CRIME AND SOME DESCRIPTION OF THE  
22    CRIME.

23



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1   **SUP. BURKE:** AND THEN YOU REVIEW THAT AND YOU LET THE APPLICANT  
2   KNOW WHETHER OR NOT THEY'VE BEEN ACCEPTED OR NOT? AS A RESULT  
3   OF REVIEW OF IT?

4

5   **MICHAEL J. HENRY:** THERE IS A REVIEW OF THAT INFORMATION. IF  
6   MORE INFORMATION IS NEEDED FROM THE APPLICANT, THE APPLICANT  
7   IS CONTACTED BUT THEN THERE'S A DETERMINATION WHETHER THAT  
8   APPLICATION GOES FORWARD OR NOT, BASED ON THE JOB THAT THEY'RE  
9   APPLYING FOR. SO EXAMPLE THAT WAS GIVEN EARLIER WITH THE  
10   TREASURER, THAT APPLICATION WOULD NOT GO FORWARD BECAUSE THERE  
11   WAS A NEXUS TO THE JOB, UNLESS PERHAPS THE INDIVIDUAL OR THE  
12   CRIME WAS COMMITTED VERY EARLY ON IN THE INDIVIDUAL'S LIFE AND  
13   THEY HADN'T HAD ANY CRIMINAL ACTIVITY SINCE.

14

15   **SUP. BURKE:** ONE OF THE PLACES THAT HAS COME TO US IS WITH  
16   ELIGIBILITY WORKERS IN D.P.S.S., THAT-- WHO INDICATE THAT THEY  
17   ARE ELIMINATED EARLY IN THE PROCESS AND THIS IS A JOB THAT'S  
18   BASICALLY A DESK JOB.

19

20   **MICHAEL J. HENRY:** THAT'S POSSIBLE. IT DEPENDS ON WHAT WAS THE  
21   CRIMINAL CHARGE AND WHETHER THERE WAS ANY NEXUS TO THE JOB OR  
22   HOW RECENT IT HAD HAPPENED. IT IS POSSIBLE. IT IS POSSIBLE.

23

24   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY.

25



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1    **SUP. BURKE:** CALL THE ROLL.

2

3    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE, SECONDED BY...

4

5    **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THIS IS, AGAIN, AS AMENDED, RIGHT?

6

7    **SUP. BURKE:** AS AMENDED.

8

9    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ...BY YAROSLAVSKY AND BIFURCATE.

10    THERE'S FOUR PROVISIONS SO WE'LL DO ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR.

11

12    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY. SO, AS I UNDERSTAND THE MOTION, MR.

13    MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, YOU WANT TO BIFURCATE THE

14    MOTION, SO, ON ITEM NUMBER 1, AS AMENDED, THAT IS BEFORE YOU.

15    SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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17    **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE DOING.

18

19    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THERE ARE FOUR POINTS TO THE MOTION.

20

21    **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND SO WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

22

23    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THEY WOULD LIKE TO BIFURCATE THE MOTION AND

24    CALL THE ROLL ON...

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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** (OFF-MIKE) .

2

3    **SUP. BURKE:** HE WANTS TO VOTE "NO" ON PART OF IT.

4

5    **SUP. MOLINA:** ON WHICH ONES DO YOU WANT TO VOTE "NO"?

6

7    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I WANT TO VOTE "NO" ON 2, 3, AND 4 AND  
8    VOTE "YES" ON ONE.

9

10    **SUP. BURKE:** I WOULD MOVE THAT 2, 3 AND 4 BE TAKEN SEPARATELY.

11

12    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BE TAKEN WHAT?

13

14    **SUP. BURKE:** SEPARATELY.

15

16    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SO I'LL CALL THE ROLL ON ITEM NUMBER 1.

17

18    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY, ONE, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
19    ORDERED. AND 2?

20

21    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND 2, 3, AND 4, I'LL CALL THE ROLL.  
22    SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

23

24    **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.

25



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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

2

3 **SUP. BURKE:** AYE.

4

5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** (OFF-MIKE) .

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO. THE MOTION PASSES 3-TO-1. [ APPLAUSE ]

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ITEM NUMBER 19, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
14 HAD HIS REPRESENTATIVES HERE.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHILE THEY'RE COMING UP, WE'LL TAKE A TWO-  
17 MINUTE RECESS.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. (BRIEF RECESS)

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** A STUDY OF THE SECURITY AND STAFFING  
22 OF THE JAILS WILL BEGIN SHORTLY WITH-- THAT STUDY WILL BE DONE  
23 IN A YEAR, WHICH WILL SIGNIFICANTLY MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT THE  
24 FUTURE OF JAIL STAFFING AND SECURITY AVAILABLE TO THE BOARD  
25 AND THAT MOST OF THE MISDEMEANANTS DON'T SPEND MUCH TIME IN



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1 JAIL. THEY OCCUPY ABOUT 1,500 BEDS AT ANY GIVEN TIME AND THAT  
2 YOU'RE EXPLORING WHETHER JUDGES WOULD BE WILLING TO ORDER  
3 THOSE INDIVIDUALS TO ELECTRONIC MONITORING SO THAT THEY ARE  
4 ABLE TO SERVE LONGER SENTENCES THAN SPENDING JUST A DAY OR TWO  
5 IN JAIL. ULTIMATELY, WE DO NEED ADDITIONAL FACILITIES TO KEEP  
6 PACE WITH THE GROWING POPULATION INCREASE OF INMATE AND  
7 SECURITY CONCERNS. SO THE QUESTION IS WHY IS IT THE INMATES'  
8 CRIMINAL HISTORY IS NOT FACTORED INTO THE EARLY RELEASE  
9 PROGRAM?

10

11 **MARC KLUGMAN:** MARC KLUGMAN FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.  
12 HISTORICALLY, IT'S TRUE THAT WE'VE ONLY BEEN LOOKING AT  
13 CURRENT CHARGES IN RELEASING MISDEMEANANTS AND OTHERS  
14 CONVICTED TO COUNTY JAIL TIME. AS YOU INDICATED, THAT'S A VERY  
15 SMALL POPULATION OF THE JAIL, ABOUT 1,500 INMATES AT ANY GIVEN  
16 TIME. HOWEVER, RECENTLY, WE HAVE REEVALUATED OUR POSITION,  
17 LOOKED AT WHAT WE'RE CAPABLE OF DOING, LOOKED AT DIFFERENT  
18 COMPUTER SYSTEMS THAT ARE ONLINE OR MAY BE BROUGHT ONLINE AND  
19 WE HAVE INSTITUTED POLICY WHERE WE ARE NOW LOOKING AT CHAIRS,  
20 RAPS, CII AND ABLE TO INCORPORATE CRIMINAL HISTORY INTO THE  
21 RELEASE DECISION.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DO YOU CONSIDER CRIMINAL HISTORY TO  
24 SOME DEGREE AT INTAKE FOR CLASSIFICATION PURPOSES AND CAN THAT  
25 BE USED TO DETERMINE THE RELEASE ISSUE?



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2 **MARC KLUGMAN:** THE SHORT ANSWER IS YES, WE DO DO THAT ON INTAKE  
3 AS PART OF THE CLASSIFICATION PROCESS AND IT IS, AS I HAVE  
4 INDICATED, THOSE SAME SYSTEMS THAT WE'LL BE LOOKING AT AND ARE  
5 NOW LOOKING AT ON RELEASE TO DETERMINE WHO IS APPROPRIATE FOR  
6 RELEASE. WE CAN'T DO IT AT THE SAME TIME. I THOUGHT THAT WAS A  
7 PRETTY GOOD IDEA BUT, WHEN WE LOOKED AT IT, BECAUSE AN INMATE  
8 MAY HAVE OR A DEFENDANT MAY HAVE CURRENT OPEN CHARGES THAT  
9 HE'S NOT YET CONVICTED OF, WE CAN'T TAKE THAT INTO  
10 CONSIDERATION IN THE SAME FASHION THAT WE WOULD POST-  
11 CONVICTION. SO WE DO NEED TO LOOK AT IT PRIOR TO RELEASE  
12 RATHER THAN AT THE TIME OF BOOKING.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE A DRAMATIC  
15 IMPACT IN ELIMINATING THE EARLY RELEASE PROGRAM?

16

17 **MARC KLUGMAN:** WE NEED TO, OF COURSE, CREATE MORE BEDS, MORE  
18 JAILS, MORE JAIL SPACE. THAT'S A GIVEN. WE NEED I THINK ALSO  
19 TO BE LOOKING AT A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT ALTERNATIVES TO  
20 INCARCERATION THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO US OR COULD BECOME  
21 AVAILABLE TO US WITH THE COOPERATION OF PROBATION IN THE  
22 COURTS. I'M REALLY NOT PREPARED TO GO INTO DETAIL WITH THAT  
23 TODAY BECAUSE I HAVEN'T HAD THOSE CONVERSATIONS AND THERE MAY  
24 BE LIMITATIONS THAT I'M UNAWARE OF FOR OUR DOING SOME OF THOSE  
25 THINGS. BUT I THINK THAT THEY NEED TO BE EXPLORED.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE-- DURING BUDGET DISCUSSIONS WITH  
3 THE SHERIFF, WHAT, TWO WEEKS AGO, APPROXIMATELY, THE NUMBER OF  
4 CUSTODIAL OFFICERS, YOU HAVE NOT REACHED YOUR THRESHOLD THAT  
5 YOU HAVE. WHAT WOULD BE A TIME FRAME TO COME UP TO LEVELS THAT  
6 HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED?

7

8 **MARC KLUGMAN:** FOR STAFFING?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** FOR STAFFING.

11

12 **MARC KLUGMAN:** MR. MAYOR, I DON'T REALLY KNOW. I KNOW THAT THE  
13 DEPARTMENT IS HIRING VERY SUCCESSFULLY, THAT WE ARE...

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** FOR THE DEPUTIES?

16

17 **MARC KLUGMAN:** FOR DEPUTIES AND CUSTODY ASSISTANTS.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HOW ABOUT FOR THE CUSTODIAL?

20

21 **MARC KLUGMAN:** I'M TALKING ABOUT BOTH. ACROSS THE BOARD, WE ARE  
22 VERY SUCCESSFUL IN THE HIRING PROCESS AND WE ARE BRINGING  
23 PEOPLE ON BOARD AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN AND THAT WE ARE WORKING  
24 OUR WAY UP TO, I BELIEVE, FIVE ACADEMY CLASSES GOING AT THE  
25 SAME TIME HERE IN THE NEAR FUTURE, WHICH IS UNHEARD OF, BUT



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1   THERE ARE COMPETING NEEDS AS WELL. WE CAN'T JUST FILL UP THE  
2   JAIL STAFFING AND IGNORE PATROL, DETECTIVES AND THE OTHER  
3   ASPECTS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

4

5   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IGNORE WHAT?

6

7   **MARC KLUGMAN:** PATROL, DETECTIVES, OTHER ASPECTS OF THE  
8   DEPARTMENT SO THAT'S GOING TO BE A DECISION THAT WILL BE MADE  
9   ABOVE MY HEAD AS TO HOW WE ACTUALLY DO THAT STAFFING BUT I'M  
10   OPTIMISTIC, AND I CAN PROMISE YOU THAT IT WILL BE DONE AS  
11   QUICKLY AS IS REASONABLE.

12

13   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BUT THE CUSTODIAL OFFICERS DO NOT DO  
14   PATROL, RIGHT?

15

16   **MARC KLUGMAN:** NO, NO, THE CUSTODY ASSISTANTS...

17

18   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BUT ON THE CUSTODY ASSISTANTS, YOU'RE  
19   NOT AT THE...

20

21   **MARC KLUGMAN:** NO, WE'RE NOT AT THE TOP ON THAT.

22

23   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HOW DO YOU ACCELERATE THAT HIRING,  
24   WHICH DOES NOT IMPACT THE PATROLS?

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1   **MARC KLUGMAN:** HOLD ON ONE SECOND.

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3   **VICTOR RAMPULLA:** MR. MAYOR, VICTOR RAMPULLA FROM THE SHERIFF'S  
4   DEPARTMENT, ADMIN SERVICES. CURRENTLY, WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY  
5   290 VACANCIES FOR CUSTODY ASSISTANT. AS YOU KNOW, THERE'S A  
6   CAP ON THE CUSTODY ASSISTANT PROGRAM.

7

8   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** RIGHT, BUT YOU CAN GO UP TO 290 RIGHT  
9   NOW.

10

11   **VICTOR RAMPULLA:** SO WHAT WE DID ALONG WITH THE DEPUTY SHERIFF  
12   RECRUITMENT EFFORTS, WHICH, AS YOU KNOW, HAVE TAKEN ON A  
13   SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENT HERE IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS. I'VE  
14   DIRECTED OUR PERSONNEL STAFF, OUR RECRUITING STAFF TO  
15   ACCELERATE THE HIRING OF CUSTODY ASSISTANTS. WE'VE HAD IN THE  
16   PAST ABOUT 30 WE WOULD HIRE FOR A CLASS. THAT WAS FINE BUT THE  
17   NEXT CLASS WE'RE GOING TO BRING ON BOARD AS CUSTODY  
18   ASSISTANTS, WE'VE INCREASED IT TO 50, 50 CUSTODY ASSISTANTS  
19   WILL START THE NEXT CLASS AND WE ANTICIPATE, LIKE WE DID WITH  
20   THE DEPUTY SHERIFFS, WE'RE TARGETING 115 A CLASS, I WANT TO  
21   HIT 50 C.A.S FOR EVERY CLASS. HOW WE ACCOMPLISHED THAT, ONE OF  
22   THE PROBLEM WITH A C.A. IS THE FACT THAT THEY GET INTO THE  
23   SAME PROCESS AS DEPUTY SHERIFFS. OFTENTIMES WHEN YOU HAVE A  
24   22, 23, 24-YEAR-OLD INDIVIDUAL, THEY FILE FOR BOTH AND  
25   SOMETIMES THEY'LL GET HIRED AS C.A.S BUT, WITHIN A YEAR, THEY





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1 WANT TO BE A DEPUTY SHERIFF. SINCE C.A. REQUIREMENT IS ONLY 18  
2 YEARS OF AGE, WHAT WE'VE DONE IS ACCELERATE OUR EFFORTS TO GO  
3 OUT TO THE HIGH SCHOOLS AND TAKE GRADUATES WHEN THEY COME OUT  
4 AT 18 OR 19, 17, GET THEM INTO THE C.A. EFFORT, POSSIBLY, OR  
5 GET THEM INTO THE SYSTEM FOR THREE, FOUR, FIVE YEARS. IF THEY  
6 BECOME DEPUTIES, THAT'S GREAT, BUT WE HAVE A LARGER POOL OF  
7 CANDIDATES FOR C.A.S THAN WE'VE HAD IN THE PAST AND THAT'S NOW  
8 REFLECTED IN THE 50 THAT WE'LL TRY TO HIT. ONCE-- OUR  
9 OBJECTIVE IS TO FILL OUR C.A. VACANCIES AND, AS THE SHERIFF  
10 HAS TALKED ABOUT, THEN WE'LL SEE IF THERE'S GOING TO BE AN  
11 EFFORT TO... [ PHONE RINGING ]

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IS THAT THE SHERIFF?

14

15 **VICTOR RAMPULLA:** NO. THAT'S A DIFFERENT RING. THE-- IT'S A  
16 SPECIAL RING. WHEN WE HIT OUR 300 VACANCIES FOR C.A., WE WANT  
17 TO THEN GO INTO LOOKING AT THE CAP AGAIN AND TO SEE IF THERE'S  
18 ANY MORE C.A.S WE CAN PUT IN THE SYSTEM.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT IS YOUR ATTRITION RATE FOR THE  
21 CUSTODIAL OFFICERS?

22

23 **VICTOR RAMPULLA:** IT'S NOT LARGE. DEPUTIES, WE LOSE ABOUT 40  
24 PER MONTH. ACTUALLY, IN THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF '06, WE HAVE  
25 LOST ABOUT 130 LESS DEPUTIES THAN WE LOST IN THE FIRST FOUR



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1 MONTHS OF '05, SO WE'VE SEEN A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN  
2 ATTRITION, PARTICULARLY THE GOING TO OTHER AGENCIES. THAT  
3 SEEMS TO HAVE FALLEN OFF OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS. I THINK OF  
4 COURSE THE SALARY INCREASE HAS MADE A DIFFERENCE, TOO, THAT  
5 THEY RECEIVED BASED ON YOUR BOARD ACTION RECENTLY BUT C.A.S, I  
6 WOULD SAY, THREE OR FOUR A MONTH. IT'S VERY LOW.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND HOW LONG IS THE COURSE FOR DEPUTY  
9 CUSTODIAL...

10

11 **VICTOR RAMPULLA:** THE C.A. TRAINING COURSE, IT'S FIVE WEEKS,  
12 FIVE WEEKS OF TRAINING...

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. AND YOU'RE DOING 50 FOR FIVE  
15 WEEKS, HOW MANY TRAINING COURSES DO YOU DO AT THE SAME TIME?

16

17 **VICTOR RAMPULLA:** FOR C.A.S, CURRENTLY ONE C.A. CLASS. WE WOULD  
18 LIKE TO INCREASE THAT. IF WE CAN GET 50 GOING, IF WE COULD  
19 HAVE TWO C.A. CLASSES AT A TIME, IT WOULD BE...

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT IS YOUR TIME FRAME TO DOING TWO  
22 CLASSES?

23

24 **VICTOR RAMPULLA:** I DON'T HAVE A SPECIFIC DATE BUT I WOULD HOPE  
25 BY THE FALL WE WOULD BE ABLE TO RUN TWO SIMULTANEOUS C.A.



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1 CLASSES AND, INSTEAD OF HAVING 50 IN TRAINING, WE COULD HAVE A  
2 HUNDRED IN TRAINING AND ONE CORRECTION, THE C.A. CLASS IS  
3 EIGHT WEEKS OF TRAINING, I APOLOGIZE.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SEE, MY CONCERN IS THE EARLY RELEASE  
6 PROGRAM HAS HAD A LOT OF CRITICISM FROM THIS BOARD AND OTHERS  
7 AND IT'S TAKEN SO LONG TO ADDRESS THE SHORTAGE IN CUSTODIAL  
8 OFFICERS AND WE HAVE A PROBLEM AND WE NEED TO BE A LITTLE  
9 QUICKER IN OUR RESPONSE TIME.

10

11 **VICTOR RAMPULLA:** AND THAT'S WHY WE'VE, IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS,  
12 WE HAVE KICKED THAT UP BECAUSE WE RECOGNIZE THAT, THE MORE  
13 CUSTODY ASSISTANTS WE CAN PLACE IN THE FACILITIES, THE BETTER  
14 IT HELPS EVERYONE. AND, YES, THE EFFORT IS ON DEPUTY SHERIFFS  
15 BUT, OF COURSE, THE EFFORT HAS TO BE ALSO ON THE FACT THAT, IF  
16 WE HAVE 200, 300 VACANCIES FOR DEPUTY SHERIFF, WE MUST-- FOR  
17 DEP CUSTODY ASSISTANTS, WE MUST MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO FILL  
18 THOSE.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND YOU KNOW THAT, BEFORE THE AUDIT  
21 AND NOW YOU'RE DOING AN AUDIT TO SEE WHAT ADDITIONAL NEEDS YOU  
22 NEED TO MEET SO THAT THERE WAS KIND OF A LACKADAISICAL  
23 ATTITUDE UP TO THE POINT OF THE AUDIT WHEN WE ALREADY KNOW  
24 WHAT WE COULD BE DOING SHORT OF THE FINDINGS OF THAT AUDIT.



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1 THE AUDIT THAT YOU'RE NOW NEGOTIATING WITH THE CONSULTANT OR  
2 IS THE CONSULTANT ON BOARD?

3

4 **MARC KLUGMAN:** THE CONSULTANT IS STILL IN THE HIRING PROCESS.  
5 THE SCOPE OF WORK IS BEING DRAWN. THE CONTACT'S BEING DRAWN.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HOW LONG DOES THAT TAKE?

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9 **MARC KLUGMAN:** I'VE ASKED THEM TO EXPEDITE, SO I'M EXPECTING  
10 SOMETHING THIS SUMMER. I THINK WHAT THEY'RE LOOKING AT IS THE  
11 BUDGET YEAR IS AN ISSUE AND WE'RE COMING UP ON THE FISCAL YEAR  
12 AND THAT THEY'RE LOOKING AT DOING SOMETHING RIGHT AFTER THE  
13 FISCAL YEAR WHEN THE BUDGET WILL ALLOW.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WHAT IS THE TIME FRAME FOR THE  
16 AUDIT?

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18 **MARC KLUGMAN:** I DON'T KNOW YET BECAUSE I HAVEN'T SEEN WHAT THE  
19 CONTRACTOR WOULD OFFER BUT IT WILL BE SUBSTANTIALLY SHORTER  
20 THAN I THOUGHT. I WAS INDICATING IT WOULD BE A MILLION-DOLLAR  
21 CONTRACT TAKING MORE THAN A YEAR AND THE CONTRACT IS GOING TO  
22 BE SUBSTANTIALLY SMALLER THAN THAT AND I EXPECT THAT THE TIME  
23 FRAME WILL ALSO BE SHORTER.

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25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO WILL TAKE ABOUT A YEAR?



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2 **MARC KLUGMAN:** I THINK IT WILL BE WELL UNDER A YEAR. I THINK  
3 PROBABLY WE'RE TALKING SEVERAL MONTHS.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SEVERAL MONTHS. AND WHAT TYPE-- WHAT  
6 ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE CONSULTANT WHO IS DOING THIS?

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8 **MARC KLUGMAN:** THE CONSULTANT IS THE ONLY BIDDER AND I KNOW HIM  
9 PERSONALLY WHEN HE DID WORK WITH THE-- HE WAS WITH THE  
10 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR A LONG TIME.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DEPARTMENT OF WHERE?

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14 **MARC KLUGMAN:** THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, CALIFORNIA  
15 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS. HE HAS A LONG CAREER AND HIS  
16 ASSISTANTS, I KNOW THAT HE HAS A FORMER CHIEF FROM THE SAN  
17 BERNARDINO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WHO IS ALSO A PARTNER OF HIS  
18 THAT WILL BE COMING ON BOARD WITH THIS PROGRAM. I DON'T KNOW  
19 ALL THE OTHER EMPLOYEES.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DOES HE HAVE OTHERS INVOLVED FROM  
22 OTHER DEPARTMENTS WHO HAVE PERHAPS ADDRESSED THESE ISSUES  
23 DIFFERENTLY?

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1   **MARC KLUGMAN:** I'M SURE THAT HE WILL BRING IN APPROPRIATE  
2   PEOPLE TO DO THAT, YES.

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4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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6   **SUP. BURKE:** I'D JUST LIKE TO KNOW, ARE YOU LOOKING AT WORK  
7   FURLOUGH WITH PROBATION AND WITH THE COURTS THAT COULD BE TIED  
8   IN WITH ELECTRONIC BRACELETS OR ANKLETS? ARE YOU LOOKING AT  
9   ANY OF THOSE KIND OF ALTERNATIVES AT THIS POINT?

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11   **MARC KLUGMAN:** YES, I AM.

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13   **SUP. BURKE:** IS THAT WITH THE COURT OR WITH PROBATION?

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15   **MARC KLUGMAN:** BOTH.

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17   **SUP. BURKE:** BOTH?

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19   **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE AN AMENDMENT TO SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION.  
20   I'LL PASS IT OUT. I SHARE SUPERVISOR KNABE'S CONCERN THAT THE  
21   SHERIFF'S CURRENT EARLY RELEASE PROGRAM REDUCES THE AMOUNT OF  
22   TIME SERVED BY INMATES, WITHOUT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THEIR PAST  
23   CRIMINAL HISTORY. ALSO THE POTENTIAL OF RECIDIVISM BEHAVIOR OF  
24   THESE INMATES MUST BE CONSIDERED. A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF  
25   THE POPULATION OF INMATES THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR EARLY RELEASE



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1 IS NEEDED AND WE MUST DETERMINE IF THE IDENTIFICATION OF EARLY  
2 RELEASE INMATES CAN BE MERGED WITH THE NEWLY IMPLEMENTED  
3 SHERIFF'S HOUSING AND CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM. THIS SYSTEM  
4 IDENTIFIES THE MOST VIOLENT INMATES SO THAT APPROPRIATE  
5 HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS ARE MADE. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE REPORT  
6 INCLUDE A MORE COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF  
7 THE INMATES SERVING REDUCED SENTENCES UNDER THE SHERIFF'S  
8 EARLY RELEASE PROGRAM WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION FOCUSED ON  
9 RECIDIVISM. THE REPORT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 30 DAYS AND  
10 SHOULD INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON MERGING THE IDENTIFICATION  
11 OF EARLY RELEASE INMATES WITH THE HOUSING AND THE  
12 CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM AND HOW THE DEPARTMENT CAN IDENTIFY  
13 POTENTIAL RECIDIVISTS.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** QUESTIONS? OKAY. I'LL MOVE. SECONDED  
16 AS AMENDED BY GLORIA MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
17 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ITEM NUMBER 33. 33 AND 34. 33, 34 AND 38.  
18 DR. CLAVREUL?

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20 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
21 YOU KNOW, I'M VERY CONCERNED THAT WE ARE STILL LOOKING AT THE  
22 SEPARATION OF D.H.S. AND PUBLIC HEALTH. A FEW WEEKS AGO WHEN  
23 THE ISSUE CAME TO THE AGENDA, I POSED THE QUESTION OF THE  
24 CONFLICT OF INTEREST ON DR. FIELDING, FULL POSITION AT THE  
25 COUNTY AND FULL POSITION AT U.C.L.A. NOBODY HAVE COME BACK





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1 WITH ANY RESPONSE TO THAT QUESTION. ALSO, THE RECOMMENDATION  
2 OF THE GRAND JURY, THE CIVIL GRAND JURY LAST YEAR WAS THIS  
3 COUNTY WOULD DO WELL TO DEVELOP A HEALTH AUTHORITY.  
4 APPARENTLY, THAT DIDN'T GO NOWHERE, EITHER. I AM EXTREMELY  
5 CONCERNED OF THE STATE OF AFFAIRS OF HEALTH HERE, AND I AM  
6 EVEN MORE CONCERNED WHEN, A COUPLE WEEKS AGO WHEN I WAS NOT  
7 HERE, I REVIEWED ONE OF YOUR BOARD TAPES AND DR. CHERNOF  
8 TALKING ABOUT THE PRESENTATION ON THE NURSING SHORTAGE GIVEN  
9 BY YOUR NEW DIRECTOR OF NURSES, VIVIAN WHATEVER HER NAME IS,  
10 STATED IT WAS THE BEST PROPOSAL HE HAD SEEN TO DEAL WITH THE  
11 NURSING SHORTAGE. WELL, NOW I AM CONCERNED. NOT ONLY IT WAS  
12 ONE OF THE WORST PRESENTATIONS I HAVE SEEN, A LOT OF THE  
13 PROPOSITIONS SUGGESTED IN THAT PROPOSAL ARE TOTALLY WRONG AND  
14 A TOTAL MISREPRESENTATION OF WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE NURSING  
15 SHORTAGE. I WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU DO A REVIEW. IT'S  
16 VERY OBVIOUS THAT NEW DIRECTOR OF NURSES HAS NOT DONE HER  
17 HOMEWORK. A LOT OF HER ASSUMPTIONS ARE TOTALLY IN DIRECT  
18 CONTRADICTION OF THE STATE OF THE NURSING SHORTAGE IN THIS  
19 NATION AND INTERNATIONALLY. SO I AM CONCERNED TO SEE THE  
20 ENDORSEMENT DR. CHERNOF SAYING IT WAS THE BEST THING HE'D EVER  
21 SEEN. THAT'S DON'T, YOU KNOW, AND I'M ALSO EXTREMELY  
22 DISAPPOINTED THAT THE BOARD, WHO HAD MAKE A COMMITMENT TO GO  
23 TO A NATIONAL SEARCH FOR A NEW D.H.S. DID NOT DO THAT AND NOT  
24 ONLY DID YOU NOT DO THAT, BUT YOU APPOINTED DR. CHERNOF IN A  
25 VERY SNEAKY WAY, YOU KNOW, ONE OF THOSE BEHIND THE SCENE,



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1   CLOSED SESSION BUT THAT'S OKAY. YOU WILL BE MADE ACCOUNTABLE  
2   BY THE PEOPLE. ALSO, IN ANALYSIS HERE ON 34, THEY ARE TALKING  
3   ABOUT THE OFFICE OF A.I.D.S., WHO DON'T HAVE A DIRECTOR AND  
4   HAVE NOT HAD A DIRECTOR FOR QUITE SOME TIME. I WOULD LIKE TO  
5   KNOW WHERE THE OFFICE OF A.I.D.S. WILL END, IF YOU DO  
6   SEPARATE, WHEN I THINK IT'S ABSURD, BUT IF YOU DO SEPARATE,  
7   WILL IT GO UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH OR D.H.S.? IT'S NOT SPECIFIED  
8   IN THAT ORDINANCE AT ALL. ALSO, ON NUMBER 38, THE INFORMATION  
9   WAS NOT AVAILABLE TODAY FOR THE PUBLIC. I WOULD LIKE TO  
10  RECEIVE 38.

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12  **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THESE ITEMS WERE TO BE  
13  CONTINUED TO THE NEXT MEETING. MOTION BY BURKE, SECONDED.  
14  WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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16  **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. ANTONOVICH, ON ITEM NUMBER 32, I'D LIKE TO  
17  HAVE IT RECONSIDERED. NOT SO MUCH ON THE SETTLEMENT, BUT...

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19  **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** 32?

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21  **SUP. MOLINA:** ITEM NUMBER 32.

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23  **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MOTION BY MOLINA, SECONDED TO  
24  RECONSIDER ITEM 32.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. THAT WE GO AHEAD AND WE APPROVED THIS  
2   SETTLEMENT, BUT CONTINUE THE CORRECTIVE ACTION FOR TWO WEEKS  
3   AND THAT IT BE IN CLOSED SESSION.

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5   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU WANT IT CONTINUED?

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7   **SUP. MOLINA:** THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PORTION. APPROVE THE  
8   SETTLEMENT BUT JUST CONTINUE THE CORRECTIVE ACTION.

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10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AS MOTIONED BY MOLINA AS AMENDED,  
11   SECONDED, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. I'D LIKE TO MOVE FOR  
12   ADJOURNMENT TODAY THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF NORMAN JENKINS  
13   RYKER, JR., WHO WAS A PIONEER IN AMERICA'S SPACE PROGRAM, ONE  
14   OF THE MOST HIGHLY REGARDED ENGINEERS IN THE COUNTRY, KEY  
15   FIGURE IN THE APOLLO AND SPACE SHUTTLE PROGRAMS. ALSO HE HAD  
16   SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES DURING WORLD WAR II.  
17   SUZANNE HULL, WHO WAS THE EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR AT THE  
18   HUNTINGTON LIBRARY, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND  
19   EDUCATION, FIRST WOMAN TO HEAD THAT DIVISION AT THE SAN MARINO  
20   INSTITUTION, AN AUTHORITY ON READING HABITS OF 16TH, 17TH  
21   CENTURY ENGLISH WOMEN. SHE PASSED AWAY DUE TO CANCER  
22   COMPLICATIONS. ALSO FORMER RETIRED LIEUTENANT JEROME ISAAC  
23   FEREZY OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WHO ALSO RECEIVED HIS  
24   MASTER'S DEGREE FROM PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY AND PUBLISHED A  
25   THESIS ON THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE STOCK MARKET, A WORLD



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1 WAR II VETERAN. AND HELEN ENNIS, REGISTERED NURSE AT THE  
2 COMMUNITY AND ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITALS AND PARISHIONER AT THE  
3 SACRED HEART CHURCH AND ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE CATHOLIC  
4 DAUGHTERS. SECONDED BY BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
5 SUPERVISOR MOLINA? ANY ADJOURNMENTS? OKAY. SUPERVISOR BURKE,  
6 THEN.

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8 **SUP. BURKE:** I MOVE THAT, WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN  
9 MEMORY OF JAMES ALLEN MCALLISTER, SR. HE PASSED AWAY ON MAY  
10 11TH, 2006. HE WAS A GRADUATE OF JORDAN HIGH SCHOOL, HE WORKED  
11 IN THE SECOND DISTRICT ALL OF HIS LIFE. HE WAS-- WORKED AT  
12 NORTHROP-GRUMAN, HUGHES AIRCRAFT AND THEN FOR GENERAL MOTORS.  
13 HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS MOTHER, ALVA LEE  
14 MCALLISTER AND WIFE, CAROL MCALLISTER AND SIX CHILDREN. HIS  
15 SISTERS, VIOLET CUNNINGHAM FLORES, ANN MALVO AND BEVERLY FAY  
16 MCALLISTER AND BROTHERS, MARK EDWARD AND LYNN MCALLISTER. AND  
17 ROGER MILSTEAD, WHO WAS BORN ON JULY 15TH, 1945. HE PASSED  
18 AWAY MAY 20TH AT THE AGE OF 60, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE  
19 CITY OF HAWTHORNE. HE SERVED ON THE HAWTHORNE FIRE DEPARTMENT  
20 AS A FIREFIGHTER AND PARAMEDIC FOR 27 YEARS AND AS FIRE CHIEF  
21 FROM 1990 TO 1996. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS SON,  
22 MIKE MILSTEAD AND DAUGHTER, TRACY MILSTEAD. AND KATHERINE  
23 DUNHAM, WHO DIED AT 96, A VERY FAMOUS DANCE-- DANCER AND DANCE  
24 TROUPE THAT PERFORMED ALL OVER THE WORLD BUT, IN LOS ANGELES,



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1 I KNOW THAT SHE OFTEN PERFORMED HERE AND WAS A PERSON WHO WAS  
2 JUST THE LEADER IN MODERN DANCE.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO SECOND THAT.

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6 **SUP. BURKE:** OF KATHERINE DUNHAM, YES, AND WE'LL GET MORE  
7 INFORMATION TO YOU ON THAT.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
10 ORDERED. SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE  
13 MEMORY OF ELVIRA NUNEZ, SHE'S THE BELOVED MOTHER OF MY FORMER  
14 STAFF MEMBER, RALPH NUNEZ. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST  
15 CONDOLENCES TO RALPH AND HIS ENTIRE FAMILY. I'D ALSO ASK THAT  
16 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY RAUL FIERRO, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE  
17 OF 88. RAUL IS THE BELOVED FATHER OF ONE OF OUR TREASURED  
18 COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND COMMISSIONER, EVELYN GUTIERREZ. HE WAS A  
19 LIFELONG RESIDENT OF MONTEBELLO. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST  
20 CONDOLENCES TO EVELYN AND ALL OF HER FAMILY. I'D ALSO LIKE TO  
21 ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF KAREN LANTZ, A DEDICATED  
22 COUNTY EMPLOYEE WHO SERVED AS PARKS AND REC SERVICES  
23 SUPERVISOR IN THE SAN ANGELO- AVOCADO HEIGHTS PARK. WE ALSO  
24 WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO HER FAMILY AS WELL  
25 AS ALL OF HER COLLEAGUES. AND FINALLY I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN



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1 THE MEMORY OF BRIAN YOURN. HE IS A FRIEND OF ONE-- THE FATHER  
2 OF ONE OF MY STAFF PERSON, NICHOLE ENGLAND. WE'D LIKE TO  
3 EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO BRIAN'S WIFE AND CHILDREN AS  
4 WELL AS THE EXTENDED FAMILY.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO MOVED  
7 BY MOLINA. SECONDED, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. AND  
8 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE  
11 MEMORY OF CYNTHIA WONG, A LONGSTANDING AND MUCH LOVED  
12 LIBRARIAN FOR THE PACOIMA MIDDLE SCHOOL, WHO RECENTLY PASSED  
13 AWAY UNEXPECTEDLY AT THE AGE OF 46. SHE WAS LOVED BY HER  
14 STUDENTS, HER SCHOOL COLLEAGUES, WHICH WERE HER EXTENDED  
15 FAMILY. SHE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER AND OFFICER OF THE CALIFORNIA  
16 SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, AMONG OTHER PROFESSIONAL  
17 ASSOCIATIONS. IN HER MEMORY, THE PACOIMA MIDDLE SCHOOL  
18 STUDENTS AND STAFF HAVE ESTABLISHED THE CYNTHIA WONG  
19 COMMEMORATIVE FUND, WHOSE DONATIONS WILL ASSIST WITH THE  
20 PURCHASE OF BOOKS FOR THEIR STUDENT LIBRARY. SHE IS SURVIVED  
21 BY A SISTER, KATHY AND HER MANY FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES AND  
22 STUDENTS. ALSO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RICHARD E.  
23 GREEN, A LONG TIME FRIEND OF MINE AND MY OFFICE, RESIDENT OF  
24 THE THIRD DISTRICT IN MALIBU, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE  
25 AGE OF 63. HE'S A SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR U.S. OPERATIONS



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1 FOR WESTFIELD GROUP-- THE WESTFIELD GROUP, ONE OF THE WORLD'S  
2 LARGEST RETAIL PROPERTY FIRMS AND OWNER/OPERATOR OF NEARLY 130  
3 MALLS AND SHOPPING PLAZAS AROUND THE GLOBE. HE WAS A VERY  
4 CHARITABLE AND INVOLVED PERSON IN THE COMMUNITY, IN THE MALIBU  
5 COMMUNITY. FORTUNATELY, HE WAS ABLE TO LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO SEE  
6 ONE OF HIS PRIZED PROJECTS, THE MALIBU JEWISH SYNAGOGUE, WHICH  
7 WAS JUST BUILT, A BEAUTIFUL SANCTUARY, BUILT WHICH HE WAS  
8 HONORED JUST A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
9 WIFE, ANITA, A SON, LARRY, AND A DAUGHTER, TRACY GREEN DARIAN,  
10 THREE GRANDCHILDREN AND A BROTHER, MARSHALL. THOSE ARE MY TWO  
11 ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
14 ORDERED.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TIME FOR MOTIONS NOW?

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE A MOTION I WANT TO BRING IN AND I  
21 THINK I WANT TO MAKE THE FINDING THAT ITS AN URGENCY, IT'S A  
22 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY ISSUE BECAUSE I BELIEVE COMMITTEES OF THE  
23 LEGISLATURE ARE GOING TO BE TAKING THIS UP THIS WEEK. I WON'T  
24 READ THE WHOLE THING, I'LL JUST SUMMARIZE. THE GOVERNOR'S  
25 RECENTLY REVISED MAY REVISE OF THE FISCAL YEAR '06/'07 STATE





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1 BUDGET INCLUDES FUNDING TO SUPPORT ARTS EDUCATION FOR ALL K  
2 THROUGH 12 STUDENTS. THIS PROPOSED STATE FUNDING WILL ALLOW  
3 ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO MAKE REAL  
4 PROGRESS IN RESTORING ARTS PROGRAMS. IT'S VITALLY IMPORTANT  
5 THAT THE LEGISLATURE INCLUDE THIS FUNDING ITEM IN THE FINAL  
6 BUDGET AND IT'S URGENT THAT WE EXPRESS OUR SUPPORT WHILE THE  
7 PROPOSED BUDGET IS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE VARIOUS  
8 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF  
9 SUPERVISORS ADOPT IT-- A POSITION IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTS  
10 FUNDING IN THE GOVERNOR'S MAY REVISE FOR THE PROPOSED '06/'07  
11 STATE BUDGET AND INSTRUCT THE C.A.O. TO IMMEDIATELY  
12 COMMUNICATE THIS POSITION TO THE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATES  
13 AND TO OUR LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION IN SACRAMENTO.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
16 ORDERED.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE ONE ITEM THAT WAS...

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22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 39-- 39-C.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** 39-C. SUPERVISOR BURKE? YAROSLAVSKY?



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1   **SUP. BURKE:** YES. I THINK SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HAD SOME  
2   AMENDMENTS TO IT.

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4   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL MAKE, IF YOU'D LIKE ME TO, I WOULD,  
5   I'LL MAKE THEM.

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7   **SUP. BURKE:** WE PUT IT IN THE MOTION.

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9   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK-- THAT'S WHAT I WAS TOLD, YEAH. CAN  
10   I SEE IT? I'M FINE WITH THE AMENDMENT.

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12   **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. I'LL MOVE IT.

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14   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
15   OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. WE WILL NOW GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION  
16   TO DO THE FOLLOWING...

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18   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
19   NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL  
20   CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS CS-1, CS-2 AND CS-  
21   3, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING  
22   LITIGATION, ITEM NUMBER CS-4, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL  
23   REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION AND ITEM NUMBER  
24   CS-5, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, DAVID E. JANSSEN AND



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1 DESIGNATED STAFF AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA AND GREEN  
2 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.

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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON MAY 23, 2006**

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4 CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

5 (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

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7 ENKI Health and Research Systems, Inc. v. County of Los  
8 Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 341409

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10 Didi Hirsch Psychiatric Service v. County of Los Angeles, et  
11 al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 341410

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13 Kedren Community Health Center, Inc. v. County of Los Angeles,  
14 et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 342802

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16 These cases involve claims for damages allegedly incurred by  
17 providers of mental health services relating to Department of  
18 Mental Health information systems modifications made in order  
19 to comply with the requirements of the Federal Health  
20 Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

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22 ACTION TAKEN:

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24 The Board of Supervisors approved partial settlement of ENKI  
25 Health and Research Systems, Inc. v. County of Los Angeles, et



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1 al., Didi Hirsch Psychiatric Services v. County of Los  
2 Angeles, et al., and Kedren Community Health Center, Inc. v.  
3 County of Los Angeles, et al., and a related tolling  
4 agreement. The substance of the partial settlement and  
5 related tolling agreement will be disclosed upon inquiry by  
6 any person.

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8 The vote of the Board of Supervisors was unanimous with  
9 Supervisor Knabe being absent.

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11 CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

12 (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

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14 Friends of Martin Luther King, Jr./Drew Medical Center, et al.  
15 v. County of Los Angeles, et al., U.S. District Court Case No.  
16 CV 04-8891

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18 This lawsuit challenges alleged curtailments at MLK/Drew  
19 Medical Center.

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21 ACTION TAKEN:

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23 The Board of Supervisors continued this item one week to May  
24 30, 2006.

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1 CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

2 (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

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4 Union of American Physicians and Dentists v. Los Angeles

5 County Employee Relations Commission, et al., Los Angeles

6 Superior Court Case No. BS 081517

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8 This lawsuit challenges the implementation of changes in

9 cafeteria benefit plans for represented physicians.

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11 No reportable action was taken.

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13 CS-4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

14 (Subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

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16 Significant exposure to litigation (one case).

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18 ACTION TAKEN:

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20 The Board of Supervisors approved a Settlement Agreement and

21 Consent Order with California Department of Toxic Substances

22 Control concerning the remediation of suspected environmental

23 contamination at the former BKK Main Street Landfill in the

24 City of Carson.

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1 The vote of the Board of Supervisors was unanimous with  
2 Supervisor Knabe being absent.  
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4 CS-5. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code  
5 Section 54957.6) Agency designated representatives: David E.  
6 Janssen, Chief Administrative Officer, and designated staff;  
7 Employee Organization(s) for represented employees: The  
8 Coalition of County Unions, AFL-CIO; Local 660, SEIU; Union of  
9 American Physicians and Dentists; Guild For Professional  
10 Pharmacists; Peace Officers Council of California; Association  
11 of Public Defender Investigators; and Los Angeles County  
12 Association of Environmental Health Specialists; and  
13 Unrepresented employees (all)

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15 No reportable action was taken.

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2 Number 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of  
3 California, do hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the  
5 Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors May 23, 2006,  
6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my  
7 direction and supervision;

8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as  
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10 have been provided to the Los Angeles County Board of  
11 Supervisors as certified by me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor  
13 related to any party to the said action; nor  
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this  
16 25th day of May 2006 for the County records to be used only  
17 for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts  
18 as on file of the office of the reporter.

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20 JENNIFER A. HINES

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